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☛ A series of "**Exchange Meetings,**" with concurrent exhibitions of **samples of German and Austrian goods,** is now being held at 32, Cheapside, E.C. (see p. 809). All communications in this connection should be sent to the Director, Commercial Intelligence Branch (Foreign Samples Section), 32, Cheapside, E.C.; Telephone, **City 2323.**

Attention is called to the following samples which are on view at 73, Basinghall Street, E.C.:—

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OPENINGS FOR BRITISH TRADE.

UNITED KINGDOM.

In view of the cessation of imports from Germany and Austria-

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UNITED KINGDOM—*continued.*

New Sources of Supply Required or Available on Account of the War.

Hungary and the fact that there are many articles hitherto imported from those countries which are of importance, if not of necessity, to British manufacturers, importers of such articles are invited by the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade to supply information regarding their precise nature and quality, in order that steps may be taken to ascertain whether similar goods might be produced in this country, and, if so, where; or, if not, from what neutral sources they could be obtained.

Similarly, United Kingdom manufacturers now have the markets of Germany and Austria-Hungary closed to them, but in many cases there will be opportunities for the disposal of their products in this country or abroad.

Doubtless in a large number of cases importers and manufacturers have taken steps to inform themselves on these points, but, from cases which have come under the notice of the Commercial Intelligence Branch, it is believed that in some instances it has not proved an easy matter to obtain the necessary information, and it is thought that in such cases the Branch may be able to render some assistance by placing manufacturers and buyers in communication with one another.

Applications have already been received in the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade from a large number of firms in all parts of the United Kingdom who wish to get into communication with manufacturers or purchasers of various classes of goods which have previously been obtained from, or sold to, Germany and Austria-Hungary.

Among a very large number of applications received, the following may be noted, in addition to those instanced last week on pp. 722–3 and in previous issues:—

Articles desired to Purchase.

Bakelite.
Baskets.
Beads (glass).
Bone.
Brushes (all kinds).
Chemical glass beakers.
Charcoal.
Dolls' shoes (cheap).
Dolls' wigs and hair.
Egg albumen.
Fly catchers.
Hospital enamelware.
Mantles, incandescent.
Metal frames for ladies' bags (cheap variety).
Moist water colour paints, in 1d. tubes.
Safety razor cases.
Soft soap.
Vertical model steam engines (6s. to 10s. each).
Wheels for automatic lighters.
Wood battens for trunks.

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UNITED KINGDOM—*continued.*

Articles desired to Purchase by Firms abroad.

Names of firms abroad open to purchase have also been received in respect of articles of the following classes:—

Carnauba wax.
Carpets (cheap Axminster).
Childrens' ready-made dresses.
Curtains (Plauen goods).
Glazed tiles for bathrooms, &c.
Linen cloths.
Locks (cheap).
Machines for compressing salt.
Manicure scissors.
Pile cloth, for upholstering, 27 ins. wide.
Porcelain stoppers for lemonade bottles.
Shades for electric lamps.
Stationery.
Sycamore bowls (cash bowls).
Toys.
Webbed paper.

Articles desired to Sell.

It is understood that some of the following articles are the products of new industries established in the United Kingdom:—

Chemical balances, cheaper qualities.
Childrens' transfers.
Cigarette cases (cheap).
Dress fasteners.
Ethyl chloride.
Methyl chloride.
Sewing machines.
Shoe buckles (cheap).
Spools for typewriter ribbons.
Thermometers, cheaper qualities
Tin foil.

United Kingdom firms interested in any of the above-mentioned articles are invited to write to the Director of the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C., with a view to being placed in communication with the enquirers. All the enquiries received are enumerated in the lists obtainable by United Kingdom firms on application to the Commercial Intelligence Branch.

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☛ NOTE.—*In reading the following notices of possible openings for United Kingdom goods abroad, regard should be had to the Royal Proclamations relative to the prohibition of the exportation of certain articles from the United Kingdom, which appear in the "Board of Trade Journal" of 4th February, pp. 322-332; 4th March, pp. 598-9; and pp. 813-7 of this issue. Attention is also drawn to the notice on p. 31 of the issue of 7th January regarding the issue of licences to export certain colours and dye-stuffs; to the notices on p. 494 of the issue of 19th November, 1914, and p. 692 of the issue of 10th December 1914, regarding licences to export wool and woollen goods; and to the notice on p. 815 of this issue regarding licences to export tin, tin chloride and tin ore.*

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BRITISH INDIA.

Pig Iron.

The Directors of the Bombay, Baroda, and Central India Railway Company are prepared to receive tenders in London, up to noon on 30th March, for the supply of *pig iron*. Tenders must be made on forms, copies of which, with specifications, may be *obtained* at the offices of the Company, Gloucester House, 110, Bishopsgate, London, E.C., on payment of £1 each, which will not be returned.

Brass and Copper Tubes; Helical and Volute Springs; Rolled Material for Wagons; Steel Rails and Fishplates.

The East Indian Railway Company is prepared to receive tenders for the supply and delivery of *brass* and *copper tubes; helical and volute springs; rolled material for wagons;* and *steel rails and fishplates*, in accordance with the specifications to be seen at, or obtained from, the Company's Offices, 29 and 30, Nicholas Lane, London, E.C. Tenders are to be sent to the Secretary, at the above address, marked "Tenders for Brass, &c. Tubes," or as the case may be, not later than 11 a.m. on 31st March. The charge for each specification is £1 1s., which will not be returned. (C.I.B. 16,792.)

Helical and Volute Springs.

The Directors of the Madras and Southern Mahratta Railway Company are prepared to receive tenders for the supply of 5,560 *helical and volute springs*, in accordance with the specification, which may be consulted at the offices of the Company, 91, York Street, Westminster, London, S.W. The charge for the specification will be £1 1s., which will not be returned. Tenders, marked "Tender for Springs," must be sent to the Secretary, at the above address, not later than 2 p.m. on 6th April. (C.I.B. 17,195.)

CANADA.

Cottons; Dress Goods; Serges; Silks; Ribbons; Velvets; Quilts; Ladies' Gloves.

The office of H.M. Trade Commissioner for Canada (*address*—3, Beaver Hall Square, Montreal) reports that an agent in Vancouver, British Columbia, desires to secure the representation of United Kingdom manufacturers of *cottons* ("Manchester goods"), *dress goods, serges, silks, ribbons, velvets, down quilts* and *ladies' gloves*.

United Kingdom manufacturers of the above-mentioned goods may obtain the name and address of the enquirer on application to the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C. Further communications regarding the enquiry should be addressed to H.M. Trade Commissioner for Canada, 3, Beaver Hall Square, Montreal. (C.I.B. 15,772.)

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The following enquiries have been received at the **Offices of the High Commissioner for Canada, 17, Victoria Street, London, S.W.,** *whence further information may be obtained:—* (C.I.B. 16,927.)

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CANADA—*continued.*

HOME ENQUIRIES.

Metal Bag Frames. A London firm manufacturing metal bag frames wishes to correspond with Canadian importers.

Toys. A newly-organised toy industry in London is desirous of getting into communication with Canadian importers.

Canadian "Buck-Board" Carriages Wanted. A London firm wishes to purchase Canadian "buck-board" carriages, and asks for names of manufacturers.

Canadian Timber for Match-Making Wanted. A West of England firm of match manufacturers is in the market for large quantities of Canadian timber suitable for that industry.

Canadian Crude Asbestos wanted. A Manchester firm is in the market for Canadian crude asbestos.

CANADIAN ENQUIRIES.

Christmas Cards, Calendars, &c. A New Brunswick correspondent asks for the names of United Kingdom manufacturers of *personal Christmas cards, calendars, &c.*

Lifebuoy Lights. A Montreal firm of dealers in railway and marine supplies is desirous of getting into touch with a United Kingdom manufacturer of *lifebuoy lights* which are self-lighting on contact with water.

Surgical Instruments. A firm in the Province of Ontario wishes to get into touch with first-class United Kingdom manufacturers of *surgical instruments.* One line, formerly obtained from Germany, which it is particularly sought to replace is Kny-Scheerers.

Vegetable Parchment Paper. A firm in the Province of Ontario asks for the names of United Kingdom manufacturers of *vegetable parchment paper* for wrapping butter, &c.

Market sought for **Creosoted Railway Sleepers.** A Toronto correspondent, stated to be in a position to supply large quantities of creosoted railway sleepers, asks for the names of importers in the United Kingdom and in France.

Market sought for **Mica.** A firm in Toronto stated to have a large quantity of thumb-trimmed mica for disposal asks for the names of United Kingdom importers.

Market sought for **Mineral Products.** A Vancouver correspondent asks for the names of United Kingdom importers of strontium sulphate, magnesite, fire-clay, China stone, plastic China stone, gold and silver ores, copper, &c.

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CANADA—*continued.*

Market sought for **Zinc Ores.**

A British Columbia correspondent asks for the names of United Kingdom importers of zinc ores.

Market sought for **Magnesite.**

Enquiries are made by a number of Canadian firms for the names of United Kingdom importers of magnesite.

☛ **Note.—For further information regarding any of the foregoing enquiries, application should be made to the High Commissioner for Canada, 17, Victoria Street, London, S.W.**

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The following enquiries have been received at the **Canadian Trade Commissioner's Office, Portland House, Basinghall Street, London, E.C.,** *whence further information may be obtained:—* (C.I.B. 17,403.)

CANADIAN ENQUIRIES.

Reeds for Furniture.

A Canadian firm of furniture manufacturers is in the market for supplies of *round, flat, split and oval reeds,* and invites samples and quotations from United Kingdom manufacturers.

Market sought for **Railway Sleepers.**

A Vancouver firm, claiming to be in a position to contract for the delivery of large quantities of railway sleepers, wishes to receive enquiries from United Kingdom importers.

☛ **Note.—For further information regarding any of the foregoing enquiries, application should be made to the Canadian Trade Commissioner's Office, Portland House, Basinghall Street, London, E.C.**

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A report has been received from the Imperial Trade Correspondent at Quebec (Mr. G. B. Ramsey) notifying the formation of companies which may afford opportunities to manufacturers and exporters in the United Kingdom, as follows:—

Copper Mining Plant.

A company has been incorporated in Quebec, with a capital of 99,900 dols. (about £20,500), to undertake copper mining. *See Note*†. (C.I.B. 15,980*a*).

Seeds.

A company, with a capital of 60,000 dols. (about £12,300), has been incorporated in Quebec to carry on a market gardening and florist's business and is interested in nurserymen's seeds. *See Note*†. (C.I.B. 15,980*b*.)

Note†.—The names of the companies, &c. to which the foregoing notices relate may be obtained by United Kingdom manufacturers and exporters desirous of supplying plant, &c. on application to the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C.

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AUSTRALIA.

Cork-board Insulating Material; Electric Cranes.

H.M. Trade Commissioner for Australia (Mr. G. T. Milne—*address*, Commerce House, Melbourne) reports that an agent in Melbourne wishes to secure the representation of United Kingdom manufacturers of *cork-board insulating material* for freezing chambers, and also of *electric cranes*.

United Kingdom manufacturers of cork-board insulating material and electric cranes, respectively, may obtain the name and address of the enquirer on application to the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C. Further communications regarding the enquiry should be addressed to H.M. Trade Commissioner for Australia, Commerce House, Melbourne.

(C.I.B. 12,816.)

Material for Railway Car Lighting; Electric Lighting Material.

With reference to the notices which appeared on p. 654 of the "Board of Trade Journal" of 11th March and p. 726 of last week's issue, relative to the call for tenders by the Victorian Railways Commissioners, Victorian Railway Offices, Spencer-street, Melbourne, for the supply and delivery of (1) *material for railway car lighting* (Contract No. 28,187), and (2) *electric lighting material for car repair shops* at Jolimont (Contract No. 28,463), H.M. Trade Commissioner for Australia has notified that in both cases the time for the receipt of tenders has been extended until 2nd June.

Copies of the specifications and forms of tender may be *obtained** at the above-mentioned address, where also sealed tenders on the proper forms will be received.

Copies of the specifications and forms of tender may be *consulted* by United Kingdom manufacturers of electric lighting material at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C. (C.I.B. 17,483.)

H.M. Trade Commissioner for Australia also reports that sealed tenders, on the proper forms, will be received by the Victorian Railways Commissioners, Victorian Railway Offices, Spencer Street, Melbourne, for the undermentioned contracts. Copies of the specifications and forms of tender may be *obtained** at the offices of the Victorian Railway Commissioners :—

Steel Spring Washers.

(1) Up to 11 a.m. on 5th May, for the supply and delivery of *steel spring washers* (500,000 oiled and 500,000 not oiled) for 1 inch diameter fish-bolts for 80-lb. rails (Contract No. 28,523). *See Note† on next page.*

Electrical Testing Instruments.

(2) Up to 11 a.m. on 5th May, for the supply and delivery of *electrical testing instruments* for a Board of Trade panel, including one double range ammeter, one switch fuse, two double pole 2-way switches, two single pole 6-way voltmeter switches, graphic ammeter, and graphic voltmeter (Contract No. 28,533). *See Note† on next page.*

* It will be observed that the time for the receipt of tenders is limited, and this intimation therefore will be of use only to firms having agents in the Commonwealth who can be instructed by cable.

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AUSTRALIA—*continued.*

Drilling Machines.

(3) Up to 11 a.m. on 19th May, for the supply and delivery of 4 five feet *high speed belt driven radial drilling machines* including *tools, gears* and *accessories* for Ballarat and Bendigo (Contract No. 28,562). *See Note † below.*

Dust Shields for Axle Boxes.

(4) Up to 11 a.m. on 19th May, for the supply and delivery of 1,600 *compressed felt dust shields for axle boxes* (Contract No. 28,558). *See Note † below.*

Moulding Machine, &c.

(5) Up to 11 a.m. on 19th May, for the supply and delivery of a *pneumatic hand draft moulding machine* for Bendigo workshop, including *tools* and *accessories* (Contract No. 28,561). *See Note † below.*

Note †.—Tenders must be accompanied by a preliminary deposit of ½ per cent. of the amount of the tender in the cases of (1) *and* (3) *and of £1 in the cases of* (2), (4) *and* (5). *Local representation in each case is necessary.*

Copies of the specification and form of tender, &c. may be consulted by United Kingdom manufacturers of the goods mentioned at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C. (C.I.B. 17,483.)

Porcelain Insulators: Telephone Transformers.

H.M. Trade Commissioner also reports that tenders are invited by the Deputy Postmaster-General, Melbourne, as follows:—

(1) Up to 3 p.m. on 4th May for the supply and delivery of 5,000 *porcelain insulators* (Schedule No. 1182); and (2) up to 3 p.m. on 27th April for the supply and delivery of 200 *telephone transformers* (Schedule No. 1183). *Each tender must be accompanied by a preliminary deposit of 2 per cent. on the amount of the tender up to £500, and for amounts over £500 2 per cent. for £500 and 1 per cent. for the amount above £500; minimum deposit, £2. The tenderer, if not resident in Australia, or if a company registered outside the Commonwealth, must name an agent in Australia to receive notifications of acceptance and other notices under the contract.*

Copies of the specification, conditions and forms of tender may be *obtained** from the office of the Deputy Postmaster-General, Melbourne. Preliminary deposits may be paid at the offices of the High Commissioner in London for Australia, 72, Victoria Street, S.W.

Copies of the specifications and forms of tender, &c., may be consulted by United Kingdom manufacturers of the above-mentioned material, &c., at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C. (C.I.B. 17,484.)

Motor Equipments and Magnetic Brakes.

H.M. Trade Commissioner for Australia further reports that tenders are invited by the Hawthorn Tramways Trust for the supply and delivery of *motor equipments and magnetic brakes for single type trucks and maximum traction trucks.*

Copies of the specification and form of tender may be *obtained*, at

* See Note at foot of preceding page.

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a cost of £2 2s. each, from the offices of the Hawthorn Tramways Trust, 31, Queen Street, Melbourne, and sealed tenders will be received by the Chairman of the Trust at the same address up to 4 p.m. on 31st March.* *A preliminary deposit of at least 1 per cent. of the value of the offer must accompany each tender.*

A copy of the specification and conditions of tender, together with drawings, may be *consulted* by United Kingdom manufacturers of tramway equipment at the Commercial Intelligence Branch, as above. (C.I.B. 17,476.)

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Glass; Chinaware; Builders' Ironmongery.

A Sydney firm of indentors is desirous of getting into touch with United Kingdom manufacturers of *glass, chinaware,* and *builders' ironmongery* wishing to extend their business to the Commonwealth.

Communications regarding this enquiry should be addressed to the **Official Secretary, Office of the High Commissioner for Australia, 72, Victoria Street, London, S.W.** (C.I.B. 15,609.)

NEW ZEALAND.

H.M. Trade Commissioner for New Zealand (Mr. W. G. Wickham—*address,* P.O. Box 369, Wellington) reports that he has received the following enquiries from firms in the Dominion :—

Laundry Equipment.

A laundry expert in Wellington desires to represent United Kingdom manufacturers of *laundry equipment.* It is stated that, through ignorance on the part of buyers and inexpert representation of British manufacturers, orders which might have been placed with United Kingdom firms have frequently been placed elsewhere. *See Note*†. (C.I.B. 14,953*a*.)

Furniture Accessories; Cabinet Brassware.

An accountant in Wellington, claiming practical experience in a Birmingham cabinet-maker's factory, wishes to secure the representation of United Kingdom manufacturers of *furniture accessories* and *cabinet brassware. See Note*†. (C.I.B. 14,935*b*.)

Pipes and Fittings; Girders; Channels; Cables; Electrical Wires; Motor Car Tyres and Accessories.

An Auckland firm is prepared to take up agencies for United Kingdom manufacturers of *cast-iron pipes and fittings, steel girders and channels, wrought-iron and overhead cables and electrical wires, motor car accessories* and *tyres. See Note*†. (C.I.B. 14,935*c*.)

Note†.—United Kingdom manufacturers and exporters of the above-mentioned goods may obtain the names and addresses of the respective enquirers on application to the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C. Further communications regarding the enquiries should be addressed to H.M. Trade Commissioner for New Zealand, P.O. Box 369, Wellington.

* See Note at foot of p. 793.

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NEW ZEALAND—*continued.*

Roofing Slate.

A firm in Christchurch is desirous of taking-up agencies for United Kingdom quarriers of *roofing slate*. *See Note*†.

(C.I.B. 14,935*d*.)

Phosphate Manures.

An agent in Martinborough, stated to have had previous experience in the business, desires to represent United Kingdom manufacturers of *phosphate manures*. *See Note*†.

(C.I.B. 14,935*e*.)

Bentwood Chairs; Glassware; Chinaware; Plate Glass; Aluminium Ware; Brushware; Inks and Dry Colours; Tyres; Furniture; Textiles.

A Christchurch agent wishes to get into touch with United Kingdom manufacturers of *bentwood chairs*, *chinaware*, *silvered plate glass*, *glassware*, *aluminium ware*, *brushware*, *printers' inks* and *dry colours* for making same, *bicycle tyres*, *Utrecht velvets*, *moquettes*, *saddlebags* and *cretonnes*. *See Note*†.

(C.I.B. 14,935*f*.)

Electrical Machinery, Appliances and Fittings.

A firm of electrical engineers and contractors in Invercargill desires to represent United Kingdom manufacturers of all classes of *electrical machinery*, *appliances* and *fittings*. *See Note*†.

(C.I.B. 14,935*g*.)

Glass Bottles.

An indentor in Dunedin is desirous of taking up agencies for United Kingdom manufacturers of *glass bottles* of all kinds, suitable for brewers, cordial makers, &c. *See Note*†.

(C.I.B. 14,935*h*.)

Stationery; Office Requisites.

A firm of manufacturing stationers and printers in Palmerston North, with branches in Wellington and Auckland, wishes to represent United Kingdom manufacturers of office requisites, *e.g.*, *pencils*, *carbons*, *string*, *files*, *filing cabinets*, *typewriters*, &c. This firm already holds an agency for a British firm of manufacturers of loose-leaf ledgers and desires further agencies in order to be able to supply complete office outfits. *See Note*†.

(C.I.B. 14,935*i*.)

Chemists' Sundries: Office Appliances.

A manufacturer's agent in Wellington, who is stated to be in close touch with wholesale druggists, merchants, retail chemists and stores throughout the Dominion, wishes to get into communication with United Kingdom manufacturers of *chemists' sundries*. The enquirer also holds a sub-agency for non-British *office appliances* which he wishes to replace by British-made goods. *See Note*†.

(C.I.B. 14,935*j*.)

Note†.—United Kingdom manufacturers and exporters of the above-mentioned goods may obtain the names and addresses of the respective enquirers on application to the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C. Further communications regarding the enquiries should be addressed to H.M. Trade Commissioner for New Zealand, P.O. Box 369, Wellington.

Plant and Material for Harbour Works.

See notice on p. 836.

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SOUTH AFRICA.

Cotton Hosiery; Enamelled Hollow Ware; Stone and Earthen Ware; China and Glass; Perfumery; Cosmetics; Concertinas; Mouth Organs; Chairs.

The Imperial Trade Correspondent at Bulawayo (Mr. E. C. Baxter) reports that an agent in that town desires to represent United Kingdom manufacturers of *cotton hosiery, enamelled hollow ware, stone and earthen ware, china and glass hollow ware, perfumery, cosmetics,* and *musical instruments* (chiefly *concertinas* and *mouth organs*) and *chairs.* These goods are required to replace goods previously supplied by German firms, and are mostly for sale to the Kaffir trade.

United Kingdom manufacturers of the goods mentioned may obtain the name and address of the enquirer on application to the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C. Further communications regarding the enquiry should be addressed to the Imperial Trade Correspondent, P.O., Box 599, Bulawayo. (C.I.B. 14,924.)

Fertilizers; General Hardware.

A gentleman, at present in London, who has for some years held a responsible position in connection with a well-known firm in South Africa engaged in the Continental trade, is desirous of obtaining in that market the representation of United Kingdom manufacturers of *fertilizers and general hardware.*

United Kingdom manufacturers of the above-mentioned goods may obtain the name and address of the enquirer on application to the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C. Further communications regarding the enquiry should be addressed to H.M. Trade Commissioner for South Africa, P.O. Box 1,346, Cape Town. (C.I.B. 7,957.)

Hardwood Piles, Logs and Planks.

The office of H.M. Trade Commissioner for South Africa notifies that tenders are invited by the South African Railways Adminstration for the supply and delivery of *hardwood piles, logs and planks.* (Tender No. 615.)

Sealed tenders, on the proper form, will be received by the Secretary to the Tender Board, South African Railway Headquarters, Johannesburg, up to noon on 26th April. The successful tenderer if not resident or not having a representative within the Union of South Africa, will, if the Administration so desires, be required to appoint an agent, who must be legally authorised to sign the contract, and to receive all matters and to do all things arising out of the contract.

A copy of the specification and statement of conditions may be seen by United Kingdom exporters of hardwood at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C. (C.I.B. 17,747.)

N.B.—With reference to the foregoing notices relative to openings for trade in the Self-Governing Dominions, it should be borne in mind that postage must be prepaid on all communications addressed to H.M. Trade Commissioners, &c. This notice has been rendered necessary owing to the impression which appears to exist that such correspondence could go unstamped, but this is not the case.

Openings for British Trade.

CYPRUS.

Cotton Goods; Yarns; Leather Splits.

The Chief Collector of Customs at Larnaca (the Board of Trade Correspondent for Cyprus) notifies that an agent in Nicosia desires to represent United Kingdom manufacturers of *cotton goods, yarns,* and *leather splits.*

United Kingdom manufacturers of the goods mentioned may obtain the name and address of the enquirer on application to the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C. Further communications regarding the enquiry should be addressed to the Chief Collector of Customs, Larnaca, Cyprus. (C.I.B. 14,219.)

EGYPT.

Workshop Overalls.

With reference to the notice on page 728 of last week's issue of the "Board of Trade Journal," relative to a call for tenders for the supply of 530 sets of *workshop overalls* (jackets and trousers) required for students at the Technical School, Bulac, Cairo, H.M. Vice-Consul at Cairo (Mr. G. G. Knox) has now forwarded a copy of the specification and conditions of tender, which may be inspected by United Kingdom manufacturers of these goods at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C. Sealed tenders, on the proper form, will be received by the Director, Technical School, Bulac, Cairo, up to noon on 19th April. (C.I.B. 7,362.)

The Egyptian "Journal Officiel" of 8th March announces that sealed tenders, on the proper forms, will be received as follows:—

General Stores

(1) Up to 11 a.m. on 4th April* by the Director, Delta Barrage, for the supply of the following general stores required during the year ending 31st March, 1916:—*Paint, oil, &c., iron bars, angles, plates, &c., iron pipes and fittings, electrical fittings, rubber valves and sheets, packing, ropes, sacks, hose pipes, &c., engine stores, ironmongery, acids, soaps, brushes, glass,* and *lamp fittings.* Copies of the schedule of rates, conditions of tender and tender forms may be obtained on application to the Director, Delta Barrage. *See Note † on next page.*

Raw Materials; Manufactured Accessory Articles; Tools; Machines; Clothing.

(2) Up to noon on 1st May, by the Director-General, Department of Technical, Industrial and Commercial Education, 14, Sharia Abdin, Cairo, for the supply of *raw materials, manufactured accessory articles, tools, machines* and *pupils' clothing* required by the model workshops at Bulac, Cairo, and at Assiout, and by the trades schools at Mansoura during the nine months ending 31st March, 1916. Specifications with the lists of articles may be obtained, and samples may be inspected, at the Model Workshops at Bulac. *See Note † on next page.*

* It will be observed that the time for the receipt of tenders is limited, and, owing to forms having to be obtained from Egypt, this intimation will be of use only to firms having agents in that country who can be instructed by cable.

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Note †.—A provisional deposit equal to 2 per cent., or a bank guarantee of 10 per cent., of the value of the offer must accompany each tender. The tenderer must be a person residing in Egypt, or must have a representative in that country, and must give in his offer an address in Egypt at which notices may be served upon him.

Uniforms; Overcoats; Boots, &c.

(3) Up to 29th April, by H.E. the Chief Aide-de-Camp to H.H. the Sultan, Abdin Palace, Cairo, for the supply of sailors' white linen and cloth *uniforms, overcoats, flannels, socks, trousers, tarbushes, boots, &c.* Copies of the conditions of tender may be obtained from the Yachts and Steamers Administration, Bulac Arsenal, Cairo.

SWEDEN.

The following enquiry has been received by the Swedish Chamber of Commerce in London:—

Elastic Webbing.

An important Swedish company wishes to get into touch with United Kingdom manufacturers of *elastic webbing;* samples of the kind of elastic webbing required may be inspected at the Chamber's Offices. (Reference No. A/576/15.)

Communications relating to this enquiry, quoting the reference number, should be addressed to the **Secretary, Swedish Chamber of Commerce, 5, Lloyd's Avenue, London, E.C.** (C.I.B. 15,576.)

DENMARK.

Lanoline.

H.M. Commercial Attaché at Copenhagen (Mr. R. Turner) reports that the supply of *lanoline,* which was formerly largely supplied by Germany, is said to be exhausted in Denmark. (C.I.B. 12,146.)

NETHERLANDS.

Cotton Material for Ladies' Blouses.

H.M. Consul-General at Rotterdam (Mr. E. G. B. Maxse, C.M.G.) reports that a firm in that city desires to purchase from United Kingdom manufacturers *thin cotton material,* printed or unprinted, for ladies' blouses.

United Kingdom manufacturers of the above-mentioned material may obtain the name and address of the enquirer and inspect a sample of *the material required* on application to the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C. Further communications regarding the enquiry should be addressed to the British Consulate-General, Rotterdam. (C.I.B. 13,019.)

Pile Fabrics.

H.M. Consul at Groningen (Mr. J. M. Prillevitz) reports that a local firm of importers of cloth and carpeting, chiefly for carriage makers and upholsterers, desires to get into communication with United Kingdom manufacturers of *pile fabrics* similar to those previously obtained from

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Belgium, in lengths of 60 yds., and is prepared to make a trial purchase for cash against documents. Samples of the material required have been received and may be *inspected* by United Kingdom manufacturers at the Commercial Intelligence Branch.

United Kingdom manufacturers of pile fabrics may obtain the name and address of the enquirer and inspect samples of *the material required* on application to the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C. Further communications regarding the enquiry should be addressed to the British Consulate, Groningen. (C.I.B. 14,593.)

FRANCE.

Textiles.

H.M. Consul at Nantes (Mr. G. de Bernhardt) reports that an agent in that town wishes to secure the representation of United Kingdom manufacturers of *textiles* of all kinds. *See Note on p.* 789.

United Kingdom textile manufacturers may obtain the name and address of the enquirer on application to the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C. Further communications regarding the enquiry should be addressed to the British Consulate, Nantes. (C.I.B. 13,159.)

Agencies desired.

The Belgian Legation in London reports that a company operating in France and Belgium, and employing a staff of agents and inspectors who continually visit the smaller towns and villages in those countries, is desirous of undertaking the commercial representation of United Kingdom manufacturers wishing to extend their business.

The name and address of the company referred to may be obtained by United Kingdom manufacturers interested on application to the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C. (C.I.B. 11,158.)

SPAIN.

Leather; Goat and other Skins; Cotton and Silk Tulles; Lace; Hat Veils; Elastic; Cambrics.

H.M. Consul in Madrid (Mr. A. Jackson) reports that a commission merchant of that city, who before the war did business with German firms, wishes to secure the representation of United Kingdom manufacturers of *leather and skins* for coach-hoods and harness, *goat and other skins* for ladies' stoles and muffs, *cotton and silk tulles and cambrics, narrow laces* of all classes, *hat veils*, and *elastic* for garters. *See Note on p.* 789.

United Kingdom manufacturers of the above-mentioned goods may obtain the name and address of the enquirer on application to the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C. Further communications regarding the enquiry should be addressed to the British Consulate, Madrid.

(C.I.B. 16,831.)

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ITALY.

Lathes: Machinery: Machine Tools: Accessories.

H.M. Consul-General at Turin (Major W. P. Chapman) reports that an important local firm, with a large trade throughout Italy, desires to purchase from United Kingdom manufacturers, *lathes, milling and boring machinery, machine tools* in general and *accessories*.

United Kingdom manufacturers of the above-mentioned goods may obtain the name and address of the enquirer on application to the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C. Further communications respecting the enquiry should be addressed to the British Consulate-General, Turin.

(C.I.B. 15,778.)

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The British Vice-Consul at Milan (Mr. T. D. Dunlop) reports that the following enquiries have been received from local firms:—

Coal; Lubricating Oils; Raw Material for Factories, &c.

An agent at Luino, who has previously represented a German firm, desires to secure the agencies of United Kingdom manufacturers and exporters of *coal, lubricating oils*, and *raw material* for paper and cotton mills, engineering, glass, and textile works, ink factories and potteries. *See Note† below, and also Note on p.* 789.

(C.I.B. 15,198.)

Embossed Leather.

A Milan firm desires to represent United Kingdom manufacturers of *embossed leather* for upholstery. *See Note† below.*

(C.I.B. 15,199.)

Machine Tools: Cast Iron and Metal Bands; Steel; Coal.

An agent in Milan, who has previously held agencies for British and German firms, wishes now to secure the representation of United Kingdom manufacturers and exporters of *machine tools, cast-iron* and *metal bands, steel forgings and stampings*, and *coal*. *See Note† below, and also Note on p.* 789.

(C.I.B. 15,200.)

Chemical Products: Lacquer; Gum; Colonial Produce.

A firm of agents for all kinds of machinery in Milan desires to take up further agencies for United Kingdom manufacturers and exporters of *chemical products, gum, lacquer*, and *colonial produce* (Indian). *See Note† below, and also Note on p.* 789.

(C.I.B. 15,201.)

Note†.—United Kingdom manufacturers and exporters of the above-mentioned goods may obtain the names and addresses of the respective enquirers on application to the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C. Further communications regarding the enquiries should be addressed to the British Consulate, Milan.

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Textiles; Motor Cars and Accessories; Novelties; Hosiery Machinery.

A local agent desires to get into touch with United Kingdom manufacturers of *textiles* of all kinds, *novelties* for the Italian market, *motor cars* and *accessories*, and *machines for making seamless hosiery*. *See Note† below, and also Note on p.* 789. (C.I.B. 15,211.)

Metals; Tools; Leather Straps; Lubricating Oils.

An agent in Milan desires to represent United Kingdom manufacturers of *iron and steel bars, files, saws, hammers*, and *metals* and *tools* in general; also *leather straps* and *lubricating oil*. *See Note† below, and also Note on p.* 789. (C.I.B. 16,287.)

Machinery; Machine Tools; Ball Bearings; Steel.

A local firm, which has hitherto represented French and American firms, wishes to get into touch with United Kingdom manufacturers of *machinery, machine tools, ball bearings* and *steel*. *See Note† below, and also Note on p.* 789. (C.I.B. 16,288.)

Paper; Cards.

Enquiry is made by an agent in Milan for the names of United Kingdom manufacturers of *letter paper in boxes, typewriting paper, cigarette paper, toilet and printing papers*: also *cards*. *See Note† below.* (C.I.B. 16,289.)

Hosiery; Hosiery Makers' Supplies; Hides.

An agent in Milan desires to hear from United Kingdom manufacturers and exporters of *hosiery* and articles for *hosiery makers*, also *tanned hides*. *See Note† below, and also Note on p.* 789. (C.I.B. 16,290.)

House Decorations and Furnishings.

A firm of house decorators and outfitters in Milan desires to represent United Kingdom manufacturers of *all articles connected with the decorating, finishing and furnishing of houses and apartments*. *See Note† below.* (C.I.B. 16,292.)

Undressed Furs.

An agent in Milan, who has hitherto dealt with Leipzig firms, seeks the representation of United Kingdom exporters of *undressed furs*. *See Note† below.* (C.I.B. 16,293.)

Accessories for Motor Cars and Garages.

An engineer, carrying on business in Milan and Turin, enquires for the names of United Kingdom manufacturers of *accessories for motor cars* and *motor garages*. *See Note† below, and also Note on p.* 789. (C.I.B. 16,294.)

Note†.—United Kingdom manufacturers and exporters of the above-mentioned goods may obtain the names and addresses of the respective enquirers on application to the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C. Further communications regarding the enquiries should be addressed to the British Consulate, Milan.

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Metals; Machine, &c. Tools; Machinery; Straps and Belting; Lubricating Oils; Packing; Emery Products.

Enquiry is made by an agent in Milan for the names of United Kingdom manufacturers of *steel* and *other metals, forgings, machine tools* (sand castings), *pneumatic tools* and *compressors, industrial machines, cranes, capstans, hat-making machinery, straps, belting, heavy lubricating oils, machine packing* and *emery products. See Note† below, and also Note on p.* 789.

(C.I.B. 15,212.)

Railway Material; Corrugated Iron.

An agent for iron and steel goods in Milan wishes to get into touch with United Kingdom manufacturers of *railway material* and *plain and corrugated iron sheeting for boilers, &c. See Note† below, and also Note on p.* 789.

(C.I.B. 15,213.)

Essences; Raw Materials for Perfumes and Soap; Medicines; Drugs; China Clay.

An agent in Milan, who has previously represented a German firm, makes enquiry for the names of United Kingdom manufacturers of *essences, raw materials for perfumes and soaps, medicines, drugs* and *china clay. See Note† below, and also Note on p.* 789.

(C.I.B. 15,214.)

Oils: Fats: Raw Materials for Soap and Candle Works: Soaps: Perfumes: Varnishes: Hides: Fabrics.

Enquiry is made by an agent in Milan for the names of United Kingdom firms seeking representation in Italy for their manufactures of *oils, fats* and *raw materials for soap and candle factories, soaps, perfumes, varnishes, hides* and *fabrics. See Note† below, and also Note on p.* 789.

(C.I.B. 15,215.)

Note†.—United Kingdom manufacturers and exporters of the above-mentioned goods may obtain the names and addresses of the respective enquirers on application to the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C. Further communications regarding the enquiries should be addressed to the British Consulate, Milan.

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Electric Tramway Material.

The "Gazzetta Ufficiale" (Rome) of 8th March publishes a Decree authorising the Communal Authorities of Rome to construct and work, by electric traction, an extension of the Piazza Colonna—Piazza Santa Croce tramway, and also an extension of the line from the Via Po to the Zoological Gardens.

A further Decree published in the "Gazzetta" of 15th March authorises the "Società elettrica Sarda" to construct and work an electric tramway system in the town of Cagliari.

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MOROCCO.

Paving Works.

H.M. Consul-General at Tangier (Mr. H. E. White, C.M.G.) reports that tenders are invited by the "Commission Générale des Adjudications et des Marchés" for paving the Zokko-el-Arba de Sidi-Aïssa Road, near Alcazar, for a distance of 13½ kiloms. (about 8½ miles), at an estimated cost of 222,066 pesetas (about £8,880). *A deposit of* 5,000 *pesetas* (£200) *is required to qualify any tender.* Tenders, accompanied by certificates of competency, will be received by "M. le Président de la Commission Générale des Adjudications et des Marchés," Dar En-Niaba, Tangier, up to 11 a.m. on 11th May. *The contractor must elect domicile in the neighbourhood of the works.*

A copy of the *cahier des charges* may be *consulted*, and copies of the form of tender to be used *obtained*, by contractors in the United Kingdom at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C. (C.I.B. 16,830.)

CHILE.

Railway Locomotives and Rolling Stock; Bridgework; Rails, &c.

The "Diario Oficial" (Santiago) of 7th January publishes a Law approving the Estimates of the Chilean State Railways Administration for 1915. Under the heading of new works provision is made for the following expenditure:—Re-construction and strengthening of *bridges*, 1,240,000 pesos gold: purchase of *automatic-discharge ballast wagons*, 473,000 pesos gold: purchase of *locomotives* and *rolling stock*, 1,625,289 pesos gold: re-building of *machine shops*, 100,000 pesos gold; *rails and accessories*, 1,112,537 pesos gold.

Peso gold = 1s. 6d.

OPENINGS IN ALL COUNTRIES.

Confidential Information.

Firms in the United Kingdom desirous of receiving confidential information as to opportunities for the extension abroad of those branches of trade in which they are specially interested, and as to other connected matters, may, upon application, have their names placed on a Special Register at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade.

The confidential information communicated to firms so registered relates mainly to openings for British trade abroad, and is received from His Majesty's Consular Officers in Foreign Countries, from His Majesty's Trade Commissioners and the Imperial Trade Correspondents in the British Dominions, and from the Board of Trade Correspondents in the Crown Colonies, supplemented by information from other sources available to the Commercial Intelligence Branch.

Firms inscribed on the Register may indicate the particular lines of trade to which the information to be sent to them should relate,

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and a classified list of subjects is sent to all applicants for registration with this object. During 1914, 989 separate circulars were issued (to the number of 142,005 copies) to firms on the Special Register interested in the particular branches of trade to which the circulars related.

The great volume of information distributed under this system has rendered it necessary to make a small charge for the service *which includes the regular supply of the weekly "Board of Trade Journal,"* and accordingly firms whose names are inscribed on the Register are required to pay an annual fee of One Guinea to the Accountant-General of the Board of Trade, Whitehall Gardens, London, S.W.

The "Journal" itself contains a large amount of information as to openings for British trade abroad and as to other matters of interest to British traders generally. Information published in it is not repeated by circular to firms whose names are on the Special Register; the confidential information communicated to the latter is confined to matters which, at the time, have not been published in the "Journal," or are not intended to be published at all.

Firms in the United Kingdom who wish to have their names inscribed on the Special Register should apply in writing to the Director of the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C., for the necessary form of application.

N.B.—Admission to the Register, and retention upon it, are at the discretion of the Board of Trade.

EXHIBITION.

CANADA.

Canadian National Exhibition.

The Imperial Trade Correspondent at Toronto (Mr. F. W. Field) reports that the Canadian National Exhibition will be held in that city as usual this year during the last week in August and the first week in September. Mr. Field remarks that this Exhibition is considered to be one of the best annual exhibitions held on the American Continent, and there are indications that great interest will be taken in it this year despite the war and that a large number of manufacturing, machinery and miscellaneous exhibits will be made. Any British firms desiring space at the exhibition should make early application to Dr. Orr, Secretary of the Canadian National Exhibition, City Hall, Toronto, from whom further particulars may be obtained.

(C.I.B. 14,912.)

UNITED KINGDOM TRADE WITH CANADA.

Visit of H.M. Trade Commissioner.

In accordance with the practice that has been established for H.M. Trade Commissioners in the British Self-Governing Dominions to visit the United Kingdom officially from time to time, so that manufacturers and merchants may have the opportunity of consulting them on any matters connected with their business, or of obtaining

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information as to the possibilities of extending their trade, it was recently arranged that H.M. Trade Commissioner for Canada should pay an official visit to this country.

Mr. C. Hamilton Wickes has now arrived and is prepared to interview (by appointment) representatives of those firms who may be able to see him in London at the offices of the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade. He will afterwards visit such trade and industrial centres in the provinces as it may appear most advantageous to visit in view of applications that may be received from firms in or near those centres, and from Chambers of Commerce.

In order that appointments may be satisfactorily arranged, firms who may desire to have an interview with Mr. Wickes are requested to make their applications as soon as possible. Such applications should be addressed to the Director, Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C. The reference number (*C.I.B.* 10732/15) *should be quoted.*

H.M. Trade Commissioner's visit is particularly opportune at the present time, when United Kingdom manufacturers are attempting to capture trade hitherto done by German firms in Canada, and it is anticipated that a very large number of firms will wish to take advantage of this opportunity to consult him. Among the matters in Canada in regard to which he is prepared to give information and advice are the appointment of agents, methods of marketing and distribution, terms of payment, names of probable buyers of British goods, statistics of imports, and rates of Customs duties.

It may be stated that one of the principal duties of H.M. Trade Commissioners is to report to the Board of Trade promptly, and if possible in advance, any opportunities which may arise in the Dominions in the form of contracts open to tender, or in any other way for the development of British trade. The Commissioners also report to the Board periodically on the nature and extent of foreign competition and other matters of commercial interest, including changes in Customs duties and regulations, financial and trade conditions, changes in regard to means of transport, and legislation affecting trade and commerce; and they furnish periodically classified lists of importers and buyers in the Dominions. A good deal of the information so furnished is published by the Commercial Intelligence Branch in the "Board of Trade Journal," some is communicated to Chambers of Commerce likely to be specially interested and to those United Kingdom firms whose names are inscribed in the Special Register of the Commercial Intelligence Branch (see notice on p. 804), and some—*e.g.*, lists of names of traders at particular places, detailed Customs regulations affecting particular matters, and similar information—is filed at the Commercial Intelligence Branch for the information of firms and persons interested who may apply, either personally or by letter.

The Trade Commissioners also reply to all enquiries which may be addressed to them by British manufacturers and merchants, but it is generally desirable that enquiries should be made first of the Commercial Intelligence Branch, which is often in possession of the information sought, and is thus in a position to save enquirers much delay.

EXHIBITION OF GERMAN AND AUSTRIAN ARTICLES TYPIFYING SUCCESSFUL DESIGN.

An exhibition of German and Austrian articles illustrating successful design was held yesterday (24th March) and will be continued to-day (25th March) at the Goldsmiths' Hall, Foster Lane, London, E.C., from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

This exhibition of samples of modern German industrial art, applied to trades in which British and German manufacturers have been in keen competition, has been promoted by the Board of Trade with a three-fold object:—

1. To facilitate a study of the methods whereby Germany has, in co-ordinating education, production, and distribution, built up so successfully in a few years this new and important branch of her commerce.

2. To demonstrate that this result has been achieved in part at the expense of British industries, and, further, that the type of work successfully produced in Germany has derived its inspiration largely from British inventiveness, which at home has hitherto not always received similar encouragement and opportunity.

3. To stimulate co-operation between the manufacturer and the designer for their mutual benefit, and thus to encourage in this country the active competition and enterprise in the matter of design which have become a vital part of Germany's commercial life.

BRITISH INDUSTRIES FAIR.

As a complement to the series of Exchange Meetings which have been organised by the Board of Trade in the last few months, at which samples of **German** and **Austrian** goods have been exhibited with a view to finding British manufacturers prepared to make goods to compete, a display of samples of **British** goods in a number of the trades in connection with which the Exchange Meetings have been held is now being organised. This display is intended to reproduce the main features of the well-known Leipzig Fair. It will be held at the Royal Agricultural Hall, London, from 10th May to 21st May, and will be styled "**The British Industries Fair.**" Only British manufacturing firms will be permitted to exhibit. No exhibitor may exhibit articles other than those of his own manufacture and included in the following trades:—

Toy and games trade.
Earthenware and china trade.
Glass trade.
Fancy goods trade.
Cutlery trade.
Electro-plate trade.
Clock trade.
Jewellery and drapers' jewellery trades, including buttons, studs, push buttons, pins and needles.
Stationery and printing trade.

The Board of Trade will undertake, among other things, the preparation of a catalogue of exhibitors and the general decoration of the hall. They also undertake to receive and convey to the space allotted to the exhibitors the packing-cases containing their exhibits,

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to remove packing-cases and store them during the period of the display, and to replace packing-cases on exhibitors' stands at its close.

For these various services the Board make a nominal charge to exhibitors at the rate of 1s. per square foot of space allotted. The erection of stands will be left to exhibitors, and they will, as far as possible, be allowed an absolutely free hand in this direction.

Communications have been addressed to H.M. Trade Commissioners in the Dominions, to the representatives of the Board in the Colonies and to H.M. Consular Officers in foreign markets, so that oversea buyers may have an opportunity of visiting the Fair.

Admission to the Fair will be restricted to *bonâ fide* buyers for home and over-sea markets, and will be by invitation of the Board of Trade. The Board will be pleased to consider the names of any firms which exhibitors may care to suggest. Applications for admission to the Fair, also for copies of the general regulations, should be made either to the Commercial Intelligence Branch, 73, Basinghall Street, E.C., or to the British Industries Fair, 32, Cheapside, E.C. Allotments of space are now being made.

EXHIBITION OF SAMPLES OF GERMAN AND AUSTRIAN GOODS FROM ABROAD.

With the view of assisting British manufacturers to establish themselves in the markets of the different parts of the Empire previously supplied with German and Austrian goods, requests were addressed shortly after the outbreak of the war, by the Board of Trade to H.M. Trade Commissioners in the Self-Governing Dominions and by the Secretary of State for the Colonies to the Governments of the Colonies to collect and to forward samples of German and Austrian goods sold in those markets.

Several thousands of such samples have now been received, and the collection will be on view at Wakefield House, 32, Cheapside, E.C., during the next few weeks.

The goods shown are of great variety, and represent the following trades and industries:—

Textiles.
Woollens.
Haberdashery.
Silks.
Velvet.
Laces, trimmings, and edgings.
Hosiery.
Men's caps and hats.
Cottons and fancy threads.
Blankets and shawls.
Men's and women's underwear.
Wools.
Gloves.
Buttons.
Suitings and coatings.
Leather and leather goods.
Glass.
Chairs.
Yarn.
Wire.
Mirrors.
Fancy goods.
Cheap jewellery.
Beads and bangles.
Nursery and toilet preparations and specialities.
Table waters.
Stationery and paper.
Domestic and household requisites.

Exhibition of samples of German and Austrian goods from abroad.

Cotton blouses.	Cigarette papers.
Prints.	Tobacco pipes.
Shoes, &c.	Needles and pins.
Tools.	Machetes.
Cutlery.	Perfume and fancy soaps.
Hardware.	Concertinas.
Glassware.	Toys.
Enamel ware.	Picture mouldings.
Aluminium ware.	Ornaments.
Crockery.	Dyes.
Lamps and lanterns.	Sewing machines.
Lamp glasses.	Brushes and sash tools.
Oil stoves.	Celluloid goods.
Surgical instruments.	Nickel goods.

The samples have been received from :—

Canada, Australia, New Zealand, India, Union of South Africa, Straits Settlements, Barbados, Ceylon, Trinidad, British Guiana, Bermuda, Dominica, Windward Islands, Cyprus, Gambia, Sierra Leone, Gold Coast, Nigeria, Uganda, Fiji, Wei-hai-wei, and Zanzibar.

Samples are also on view which have been received from :—

United States of America (Philadelphia), Russia, China, Chinese Turkestan, Siam, Algiers, Morocco, Lourenço Marques, Loanda, Guatemala, &c.

Manufacturers and exporters interested in any of the above trades or markets are invited to visit the Exhibition, inspect the samples, and obtain information as to the openings for British trade in the various countries.

EXHIBITION OF GERMAN AND AUSTRIAN SAMPLES.

Exchange Meetings of Manufacturers and Buyers.

An Exchange Meeting will be held at the Commercial Intelligence Branch (Foreign Samples Section), 32, Cheapside, E.C., on Thursday and Friday, 15th and 16th April, in connection with trade in tools.

Previous Exchange Meetings have dealt with (1) toys, (2) earthenware, china and glassware, (3) fancy goods, (4) electro-plate, cutlery and clocks, (5) household utensils of metal and wood, including brushes, (6) jewellery and haberdashery, (7) electrical apparatus and appliances, (8) cotton piece goods, plain, printed and dyed and other textiles printed, (9) paper and stationery, and (10) hardware.

Lists of manufacturers who have expressed their readiness to consider enquiries for the supply of the articles specified have been prepared as a result of these meetings, and are now available except in the case of (8). Copies of these lists may be obtained by *bonâ fide* buyers on application to the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, either at 73, Basinghall Street, E.C., or at 32, Cheapside, E.C.

GERMAN AND AUSTRIAN FOREIGN MARKETS.

Issue of Special Memoranda.

In connection with the campaign which the Board of Trade are undertaking to assist and supplement the efforts of British manufacturers and merchants to profit by the present opportunity for establishing themselves in markets previously held by German and Austrian or Hungarian firms, the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade has prepared a series of memoranda giving information with regard to possible developments in certain important trades, copies of which may be obtained by British firms on application to the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C. Any British manufacturer or merchant who desires to be furnished with information as to openings affecting his particular business should address the Director of the Commercial Intelligence Branch, as above, who will be prepared to give any further particulars possible respecting *names of buyers, rates of import duty, &c.*, or to make special enquiries through H.M. Trade Commissioners and the Trade Correspondents of the Commercial Intelligence Branch in the British Self-Governing Dominions, India, the Colonies and Protectorates, or through British Consular Officers in neutral foreign countries.

The Board of Trade National System of Labour Exchanges have on their books, at the present time, particulars with regard to large numbers of skilled and unskilled workpeople who are seeking employment. Employers desiring workpeople should notify their vacancies to the nearest Labour Exchange.

The Exchanges will give special attention to requests from employers for special classes of workpeople for new trades, and for workpeople (men or women) to replace temporarily those who have taken military or naval service.

TRADE CONDITIONS ABROAD.

Reports on Commercial Conditions and Trade Openings.

In connection with the scheme which the Board of Trade have initiated for assisting British manufacturers and traders to take advantage of the opportunity afforded by the war for securing trade formerly in the hands of German, Austrian or Hungarian rivals, the following information has been received from H.M. Consular Officers, &c., in addition to that published in previous issues of the "Board of Trade Journal":—

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New Zealand (Dunedin).—The Imperial Trade Correspondent at Dunedin reports, under date 26th January, that the proposed erection of two large warehouses and of the first section of the Anglican cathedral gives promise of an early movement in the building and associated trades in the Dunedin district. The hardware business shows some improvement and the outlook is encouraging. Manufacturing industries are moderately active, but retailers report a decreased demand for all commodities that are not actual necessities.

Wool, frozen meat and dairy produce should be above the average in bulk and the grain crops are expected to yield well. The revenue from these sources will probably be unusually large. Root crops and

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grass are making such excellent growth as reasonably to ensure ample feed for stock throughout the winter season. The fruit growing industry is steadily expanding and will soon be a very important one.

Altogether the position as regards the primary products of the district is considered quite satisfactory and, though there is some evidence of a slightly less plentiful supply of money, the financial situation presents no disquieting features. (C.I.B. 15,979.)

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Brazil (Porto Alegre).—The following information is from the report by H.M. Consul at Porto Alegre (Dr. T. C. Dillon) on the trade of that district in 1914, which will shortly be issued:—

Before the outbreak of the European war the merchants and traders in the Porto Alegre district complained of slackness in business and money stringency. This condition became more accentuated upon the outbreak of the war, but has not become much worse since then This depression is traceable to the falling-off in the value of the exports from Brazil (from £74,649,143 in 1912 to £64,612,292 in 1913), for though the State does not produce coffee or rubber, which caused the decline in exportation, it exports largely to the northern States, and so is affected by the condition of the money market in that part of Brazil. It must be admitted that it is to the credit of the district that, although it has been passing through difficult times, its commerce has been able to face the situation and meet its engagements, failures having been conspicuous by their absence, which may be taken as evidence that the commerce of Porto Alegre has solid foundations, and is worthy of cultivation.

The total imports (through the Custom-house) for the Porto Alegre district during the year 1913 amounted to £2,574,980 as compared with £2,373,940 in 1912, and £2,146,930 in 1911. Figures for 1914 will not be available before October next.

Attention must again be called to the importance of using the metric system, and communicating in a language locally understood (French or, preferably, Portuguese). Catalogues and correspondence in English and the English system of weights and measures are absolutely useless in that part of the world. Another matter of the greatest importance is the establishment of direct lines of communication between the United Kingdom and the Rio Grande do Sul. The importer at Porto Alegre prefers British goods, but in the many transhipments necessary in delivering these goods the wholesale thieving of cargoes is simply scandalous, with the result that he is compelled to deal with other markets whence he can obtain goods direct. As acting Lloyd's agent, H.M. Consul has continually been requested to survey cargoes from which a great part has been stolen, and these cargoes are always those which have been transhipped at Rio de Janeiro. In cargoes coming direct to Rio Grande do Sul, thieving is a rare occurrence. To effect these thefts the cases of goods are very cleverly opened, so cleverly sometimes that no vestiges are to be found, and the original weight of the case is made up exactly, in many cases with lead, also with lumps of coal, which seems a very favourite substitute for the stolen goods. The bar of Rio Grande has now from 19 to 20 feet of water, and more is promised, so that large ships can now easily enter.

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Another important point to be borne in mind is that the market has always been accustomed to long credits—from 30 to 90 days' sight drafts. If their competitors have been able to work up a large and paying trade on this system, there seems no reason why United Kingdom firms should not do the same, especially as this has proved to be an honest market. Above all, however, good travellers must be sent out, men who know their business, and when possible, who know Portuguese. A traveller who knows the language can always do much better business, even if he has disadvantages of other kinds. H.M. Consul concludes that there never could be a better opportunity than the present for trade expansion in the Porto Alegre district; putting aside all other considerations, the British are at a premium there at present, and it would be a pity to lose the opportunity now offered.

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Russia.—H.M. Commercial Attaché for Russia (Mr. H. Cooke, C.M.G.) reports that though German is well understood in Russian business circles and is, of course, the language of all the Baltic Provinces, yet so long as the war lasts correspondence in the German language with Russian firms is out of the question. Printed notices are everywhere prominently displayed in all public places requesting the public not to speak German, and the police and other authorities have issued a similar prohibition as regards correspondence. In these circumstances French or Russian is recommended for correspondence with Russian firms. (C.I.B. 15,904.)

MORATORIUM LAWS AND OTHER FINANCIAL MEASURES ABROAD.

Paraguay.

H.M. Chargé d'Affaires at Asunción reports the promulgation of a Law on 1st February authorising a further emission of 35,000,000 dollars of inconvertible paper money. In addition, 15,000,000 dollars of the temporary note issue made in August last (see p. 29 of the "Board of Trade Journal" of 1st October, 1914), the whole of which was to be withdrawn from circulation within twelve months, will now be added to the paper currency of the country, thus bringing the amount in circulation up to 115,000,000 dollars.

No specific funds are indicated as guarantee of the new emission, but the Executive desires it to be known that it nevertheless is conscious of its obligation to use every endeavour to reform the currency so soon as normal conditions shall be restored.

In relation to the sum of 15,000,000 dollars now added to the permanent note issue, as stated above, it is considered desirable to increase the capital of the Banco Agricola, which is a State bank, by that amount in order to combat any attempt to unduly depress the market for local produce.

The text of the Law referred to (in Spanish), together with a translation thereof, may be consulted by United Kingdom firms interested at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C. (C. 9,647.)

Note.—The present value of the Paraguayan paper dollar is about 2¾d.

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PROHIBITED EXPORTS.

Additions to List.

At the Council Chamber, Whitehall, the 18th day of March, 1915.

By the Lords of His Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council.

WHEREAS it is provided by Section 2 of the Customs (Exportation Prohibition) Act, 1914, that any Proclamation or Order in Council made under Section 8 of the Customs and Inland Revenue Act, 1879, as amended by the Act now in recital, may, whilst a state of war exists, be varied or added to by an Order made by the Lords of the Council on the recommendation of the Board of Trade:

AND WHEREAS it is provided by Section 2 of the Customs (Exportation Restriction) Act, 1914, that any Proclamation made under Section 1 of the Exportation of Arms Act, 1900, may, whether the Proclamation was made before or after the passing of the Act now in recital, be varied or added to by an Order made by the Lords of the Council on the recommendation of the Board of Trade:

AND WHEREAS by a Proclamation, dated the 3rd day of February, 1915, and made under Section 8 of the Customs and Inland Revenue Act, 1879, and Section 1 of the Exportation of Arms Act, 1900, and Section 1 of the Customs (Exportation Prohibition) Act, 1914, the exportation from the United Kingdom of certain Warlike Stores was prohibited:

AND WHEREAS by an Order of Council, dated the 2nd day of March, 1915, the said Proclamation was amended and added to in certain particulars:

AND WHEREAS there was this day read at the Board a recommendation from the Board of Trade to the following effect:—

That the Proclamation, dated the 3rd day of February, 1915, as amended and added to by the said Order of Council, dated the 2nd day of March, 1915, should be further amended by making the following amendments in and additions to the same:—

(1) That the heading "Thorium nitrate" in the list of goods the exportation of which is prohibited to all destinations should be deleted, and there should be substituted therefor the heading "Thorium oxide, thorium nitrate, and other salts of thorium."

(2) That the heading "Salicylic acid and salicylate of soda" in the list of goods the exportation of which is prohibited to all destinations should be deleted, and there be substituted therefor the heading "Salicylic acid, salicylate of soda and methyl salicylate."

(3) That the following article should be added to the list of goods the exportation of which is prohibited to all destinations:—

Sheepgut.

(4) That the heading "All vegetable oils (other than linseed oil, boiled and unboiled, unmixed with other oil, and not including essential oils)" in the list of goods the exportation of which is

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PROHIBITED EXPORTS—*continued.*

prohibited to all destinations abroad other than British Possessions and Protectorates should be deleted, and there be substituted therefor the heading "Oils, all vegetable, and fats (other than linseed oil, boiled and unboiled, unmixed with other oil and not including essential oils)."

(5) That the heading "Oleo oil, Premier jus, and animal tallow" in the list of goods the exportation of which is prohibited to all destinations abroad other than British Possessions and Protectorates should be deleted, and there be substituted therefor the heading "All animal oils and fats."

(6) That the heading "Rubber (including raw, waste and reclaimed rubber) and goods made wholly of rubber, including tyres for motor vehicles and for cycles, together with articles or materials especially adapted for use in the manufacture or repair of tyres" in the list of goods the exportation of which is prohibited to all destinations abroad other than British Possessions and Protectorates should be deleted, and there be substituted therefor the heading "Rubber (including raw, waste and reclaimed rubber, solutions containing rubber, jellies containing rubber, or any other preparations containing rubber) and goods made wholly of rubber; including tyres for motor vehicles and for cycles, together with articles or materials especially adapted for use in the manufacture or repair of tyres."

(7) That the heading "Sheepskins, woolled, *i.e.*, with the wool left on" in the list of goods the exportation of which is prohibited to all destinations abroad other than British Possessions and Protectorates should be deleted, and there be substituted therefor the heading "Sheepskins, whether woolled or not."

(8) That the heading "Vessels, boats and craft of all kinds (including floating docks) and their distinctive component parts" in the list of goods the exportation of which is prohibited to all destinations abroad other than British Possessions and Protectorates should be deleted, and that there be substituted therefor the words "Vessels, boats and craft of all kinds; floating docks and their distinctive component parts."

(9) That the following articles should be added to the list of goods the exportation of which is prohibited to all destinations abroad other than British Possessions and Protectorates:—

Chemicals, drugs, medicinal and pharmaceutical preparations:
- Ammonia and its salts, whether simple or compound, other than ammonium nitrate, perchlorate and sulphocyanide (the exportation of which is already prohibited to all destinations).
- Ammonia liquor.
- The compounds of aniline, except aniline salt (the exportation of which is already prohibited to all destinations).
- Chloride of tin.
- Copper iodide.

PROHIBITED EXPORTS—*continued.*

Tanning substances of all kinds (including extracts for use in tanning) except chestnut extract, oak-wood extract, and valonia (the exportation of which is already prohibited to all destinations).

Urea and its compounds.

Deer skins, dressed and undressed.

Goat skins, dressed and undressed.

Metals and ores, namely :—

Tin and tin ore.

Neat's foot oil.

Provisions and victuals which may be used as food for man, namely :—

"Peas, except tinned and bottled peas and peas packed in cardboard boxes and similar receptacles."

(10) That the heading "Goat skins, undressed," in the list of goods the exportation of which is prohibited to all foreign ports in Europe and on the Mediterranean and Black Seas, other than those of France, Russia (except Baltic ports), Belgium, Spain and Portugal, should be deleted.

(11) That the exportation of the following goods should be prohibited to all foreign ports in Europe and on the Mediterranean and Black Seas, other than those of France, Russia (except Baltic ports), Spain and Portugal :—

Provisions and victuals which may be used as food for man, namely :—

Compressed and desiccated soups.

NOW, THEREFORE, their Lordships, having taken the said recommendation into consideration, are pleased to order, and it is hereby ordered, that the same be approved.

Whereof the Commissioners of His Majesty's Customs and Excise, and all other persons whom it may concern, are to take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

ALMERIC FITZROY.

LICENCES TO EXPORT TIN, TIN CHLORIDE AND TIN ORE.

The Board of Trade announce that the export of tin, chloride of tin and tin ore to foreign destinations has been prohibited by Order of Council (see pp. 814-15).

Applications for licences to export these commodities **from the United Kingdom** should be addressed on the proper form to the **War Trade Department, 4, Central Buildings, Westminster, London, S.W.**

Such applications will in general only be entertained if the goods are consigned (*a*) in the case of export to the Netherlands, to the Netherlands Oversea Trust; (*b*) in the case of export to the United States of America, to H.M. Consul-General at New York.

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LICENCES TO EXPORT TIN, TIN CHLORIDE AND TIN ORE—*continued.*

Exports to Neutral European countries other than the Netherlands will only be sanctioned where the country to which the exports are consigned has prohibited the export of tin, chloride of tin, and tin ore.

Applications for permission to export tin, chloride of tin ore **from British Possessions** to Allied and neutral countries should be addressed to the Secretary (Mr. J. K. Grebby) of the **Rubber and Tin Exports Committee, Westminster Palace Hotel, Victoria Street, London, S.W.** The application should take the form of a letter embodying full particulars regarding the shipment, viz:—weight and value of goods, name of shippers, voyage, actual destination, name of consignees and, wherever possible, the date of shipment and name of steamer should also be stated.

Applications for general licences for shipments from British Possessions cannot be entertained.

PASSENGER TRAFFIC FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM TO FRANCE.

New Regulations.

The Home Secretary gives notice that the following regulations now apply to all persons desiring to travel from the United Kingdom to France.

The regulations are based on the requirements of the French military authorities at the ports of entry.

(1) British subjects must hold either the new form of passport issued since 1st February, 1915, or a passport in the old form issued between 5th August, 1914, and 31st January, 1915, but the holders of the old form of passport must obtain a supplementary document from a French Diplomatic or Consular Officer in the United Kingdom.

(2) French subjects must hold either a passport issued in France or a *pièce d'identité* (with a photograph affixed) issued elsewhere.

(3) Belgian subjects must hold a Belgian passport and must obtain a supplementary document from a Belgian or French Diplomatic or Consular Officer in the United Kingdom.

(4) All other persons must hold both a passport and a supplementary document issued by a French Diplomatic or Consular Officer in the United Kingdom.

(5) The supplementary document mentioned in regulations 1, 3, and 4, will serve for more than one journey, subject to its being visé as in regulation 6.

(6) All passports, supplementary documents, and *pièces d'identité* must be visé for each journey to France by a French Diplomatic or Consular Officer in the United Kingdom.

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PASSENGER TRAFFIC FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM TO FRANCE—*contd.*

A visa will be valid only for three days and will show the French port at which the holder is authorised to land.

(7) All passengers *en route* to France who have arrived in the United Kingdom from territory occupied by the enemy will be allowed to land only at Dieppe, unless another port of landing is named in the visa.

(8) No passenger will be allowed to embark in the United Kingdom for France who is not in possession of documents in accordance with these regulations.

(9) The following are exempted from these regulations: King's Messengers and diplomatic couriers, the holders of diplomatic passports, and persons furnished with military passes.

NAVAL PRIZES.

Prize Courts in British Oversea Dominions.

With reference to the notice on p. 748 of last week's issue of the "Board of Trade Journal" relative to Prize Courts in British Oversea Dominions, it is notified that the issue of the "London Gazette" of 23rd March publishes the results of proceedings in the Supreme Court of Queensland.

The issue of the "London Gazette" referred to may be obtained, price 1s. 0½d. (post free), from Messrs. Wyman & Sons, Ltd., Fetter Lane, London, E.C.

Vessels Detained or Captured by the Russian Naval Authorities.

With reference to the notice on p. 812 of the "Board of Trade Journal" of 24th September, 1914, relative to vessels captured or detained by the Russian Naval Authorities, it is notified that the issue of the "London Gazette" of 23rd March contains a further list of ships which have been similarly detained.

The issue of the "London Gazette" referred to may be obtained, price 1s. 0½d. (post free), from Messrs. Wyman & Sons, as above.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION OF CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE OF THE UNITED KINGDOM.

The fifty-fifth annual meeting of the Association of Chambers of Commerce of the United Kingdom was held at the Hotel Métropole, Whitehall Place, S.W., on 16th and 17th March, the chair being taken each day by Sir Algernon F. Firth, Bart. (President). Resolutions on the following (among other) subjects were passed, *viz.*:—Continuity of Trade; Incorporation of Limited Companies of Foreign Origin; Litigation by Aliens and Alien Companies; Trade between Great Britain, France and Russia; Registration of Firms Bill; Income Tax; Telephone Rates; Penny Postage with Allied Nations; Metric System.

TRADE OF FOREIGN COUNTRIES AND BRITISH POSSESSIONS.

The following summary table has been prepared at the Board of Trade showing the total imports and exports of merchandise of the principal countries for which the particulars can be given up to December, 1914, inclusive, and referring in all cases to the same period, *viz.*, the twelve months ended December. The corresponding figures for 1913 and 1912 are added for comparison :—

—	Imports (*see* Note). Twelve Months ended December			Exports (Domestic) (*see* Note). Twelve Months ended December.		
	1912.	1913.	1914.	1912.	1913.	1914.
	£	£	£	£	£	£
France	329,284,000	336,853,000	*253,968,000*	268,503,000	275,209,000	*192,981,000*
Spain	41,955,000	[illegible]	*40,765,000*	41,261,000	42,305,000	*35,[illegible],000*
Italy	148,077,000	[illegible]	*[illegible]*	95,877,000	100,466,000	*88,[illegible],000*
Egypt	26,583,000	28,591,000	22,291,000	35,474,000	32,487,000	24,719,000
United States	[illegible]	373,458,000	372,766,000	492,228,000	510,059,000	431,470,000
Brazil	63,425,000	[illegible]	37,414,000	74,649,000	64,849,000	50,050,000
Japan‖	63,104,000	74,381,000	[illegible]	53,554,000	64,264,000	59,902,000
British India	105,736,000	[illegible]	109,452,000	159,646,000	160,794,000	138,521,000
Canada	130,649,000	135,474,000	98,939,000	70,296,000	[illegible]	77,966,000
British S. Africa	[illegible]	[illegible]	36,796,000	[illegible]	27,388,000	[illegible]
United Kingdom	632,903,000	659,160,300	601,945,000	[illegible]	525,245,000	430,231,000

† Including silver bullion. ‡ Including bullion.
‖ Exclusive of trade with Taiwan (Formosa) and Chosen (Corea).

The latest figures available as regards other countries from which returns are received by the Board of Trade are as follow :—

—	Imports (*see* Note).			Exports (Domestic) (*see* Note).		
	1912.	1913.	1914.	1912.	1913	1914.
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Russia* (11 months)	[illegible]	118,942,000	94,615,000	135,426,000	135,726,000	90,149,000
Germany (6 months) ...	260,588,000	267,048,000	*[illegible]*	205,391,000	243,050,000	249,248,000
Belgium (6 months) ...	96,939,000	91,931,000	*[illegible]*	74,115,000	70,020,000	*74,759,000*
Switzerland (9 months)	54,883,000	54,704,000	*[illegible]*	39,709,000	40,267,000	36,041,000
Austria-Hungary (5 mths.)	[illegible]	*57,816,000*	*64,274,000*	*45,174,000*	*45,702,000*	*46,590,000*
Argentina (9 months) ...	*56,703,000*	*68,437,000*	[illegible]	72,962,000	79,325,000	53,889,000
Australia (11 months) ..	69,808,000	70,305,000	67,512,000	54,661,000	62,295,000	55,394,000

* European, Russo-Finnish, and Black Sea Frontiers.
‡ Including silver bullion. § Value of *principal* articles only.

Note.—The foregoing figures are exclusive of bullion and specie, except where otherwise stated.

The values stated for the latest year shown are provisional and subject to rectification. In some cases all the values are those *declared* by importers or exporters, as in the United Kingdom; in others they are based on an official schedule of values which is subjected to revision after the close of each year, the values used in the current returns being those fixed in the latest completed revision. In general, the values so fixed represent the level of prices in the preceding year. The countries adopting the system of official values annually revised are :—Austria-Hungary, Belgium, France, Italy, Spain and (for imports) Germany and Switzerland. Exports from Switzerland and Germany are returned at "declared" values. *The figures in italics are based, wholly or mainly, on the prices of some earlier year than that under which they are shown.*

In the case of Russia, Germany, Belgium, France, Switzerland, Italy, Austria-Hungary, Egypt, Argentina, Japan, Canada, *and the United Kingdom*, the import figures given in the above summaries

represent imports for home consumption. In all cases the export figures are intended to represent exports of domestic produce. In most cases, however, they include a certain amount of "nationalised" goods, *i.e.*, goods originally imported for consumption, and which, if dutiable, have been charged with duty, but which are subsequently re-exported.

For detailed particulars regarding the trade of the several countries, reference should be made to the "Accounts relating to the Trade and Commerce of certain Foreign Countries and British Possessions, including figures received up to 17th March, 1915," to be obtained (price 3½d., post free 4½d.), either directly or through any bookseller, from Wyman & Sons, Ltd., 29, Bream's Buildings, Fetter Lane, London, E.C., and 54, St. Mary Street, Cardiff; or H.M. Stationery Office (Scottish Branch), 23, Forth Street, Edinburgh; or E. Ponsonby, Ltd., 116, Grafton Street, Dublin; or from the Agencies in the British Colonies and Dependencies, the United States of America, the Continent of Europe and Abroad of T. Fisher Unwin, London, W.C.

CLAIMS AGAINST THE RUSSIAN GOVERNMENT.

H.M. Consul at Petrograd (Mr. A. W. Woodhouse) reports that a Commission, attached to the Russian Admiralty, has been appointed for the preliminary investigation of claims arising out of the measures adopted by the Imperial Russian Government in consequence of the present war. These claims will later be submitted to another special Commission which is to be appointed to deal finally with all such cases. H.M. Consul remarks that although this last-named Commission will probably not be appointed until after the war, British persons or firms interested would do well to have their claims submitted now to the Commission for preliminary investigations. As, however, it would probably be useless for them to approach the Commission direct, owing to ignorance of the correct procedure, H.M. Consul has forwarded the name and address of a lawyer at Petrograd who would be prepared to formulate claims in a proper manner. This name and address may be obtained by *bonâ fide* British claimants on application to the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C. (C.I.B. 11,770.)

PATENTS AND TRADE MARKS IN BRAZIL.

Suspension of Time Limits for Payment of Fees, &c.

The "Diario Official" (Rio de Janeiro) of 13th February publishes a Decree, dated 10th February, suspending, as from 1st August last until after the termination of the European war, the legal time limits fixed (*a*) for guarantee of priority of right of ownership to an inventor who, having made application for a patent in a foreign country, wishes to make similar application in Brazil, (*b*) for the working in Brazil of patented inventions, and (*c*) for the payment of the annual fees in respect of patents the owners of which may be domiciled abroad.

The same Decree also suspends the legal periods for guarantee of priority of right of ownership in respect of trade marks registered in

countries abroad which are parties to the International Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property, and also the time limit fixed for the use of the mark in Brazil.

The provisions of the Decree do not apply to time limits in respect of patents and trade marks which expired before 1st August, 1914.

CONSULAR CERTIFICATION OF INVOICES, &c. FOR PANAMA.

H.M. Minister in Panama reports the publication in the "Gaceta Oficial" of 26th January of a Law (No. 39 of 1914) relative to the organisation of the Panama Consular Service and the duties of Consular officers, and has forwarded a translation of Articles 44–63 of this Law, which regulate ships' manifests, invoices, and the fees chargeable by Consular officers.

These Articles provide, *inter alia*, that all persons wishing to ship merchandise to a Panamanian port open to commerce, must present to the Consul of Panama at the port of shipment six copies of an invoice giving the following particulars, *viz.*, the name of the shipper; the place of origin; the name of the consignee; the name of the ship and port of destination, the mark, numbering, class and weight of each package; together with exact details of the goods and their original prices. The charge for certification of the six copies of the invoice is 0·9 per cent. of the total net value of the invoice, payable in the currency in which the invoice is made out, with a minimum charge of 1 dollar gold.

In addition to Consular fees for certifying invoices, 3 dollars is charged for certifying each set of bills of lading dealing with invoices of a greater value than 100 dollars, and 6 dollars for certifying four copies of ship's manifests for every 100 packages, and 1 dollar 20 cents for every additional 100 or fraction thereof. The fee for a ship's manifest covering articles of iron, steel, copper, zinc, wood, tiles and similar goods is 6 dollars, however large the amount of the shipment.

Consular officers can only certify to invoices on which are entered packages with the same mark, from one shipper consigned to one individual or company and for one place.

In order to facilitate the levying of the commercial tax on liquors and beverages imported into the Republic, the denomination of the liquor or beverage, which must be the mark clearly placed on the receptacles, cases or barrels to denote the quantity and name under which the liquors are sold, must be expressed in the consular invoice and in the importers' declaration before the collecting office.

If invoices are not accurate, or do not comply with the requirements, 5 per cent. of the value of the invoice is collected in addition to the duties; when the inaccuracies or omissions, however, are not of a general character, but refer to one or more items only, the fine is imposed only on the value of the articles which have not been properly declared.

The full text of the law (in Spanish) and the translation above referred to may be consulted by United Kingdom firms interested at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C. (C. 9,692.)

TARIFF CHANGES AND CUSTOMS REGULATIONS.

BRITISH INDIA.

Amending Regulations as to Certificates of Origin for Imports.

With reference to the notice which appeared on pp. 112-3 of the "Board of Trade Journal" for the 14th January last, and subsequent notices, respecting the regulations laid down in connection with the Consular Certificates of Origin which are required in the case of certain goods imported into British India from various neutral European countries, the Board of Trade have now been informed by the India Office that the Indian Government have no objection to the issue of Certificates of Origin, when so desired, in respect of goods of value less than £25, and that the Indian Customs Authorities will, in future, accept Certificates of Origin in which the column headed "Total Value" is left blank. (C.I.B. 10,814.)

DOMINION OF CANADA.

Exportation of Prussiate of Soda Prohibited, except under Licence.

A copy of a Customs Memorandum (No. 1893 B), dated 1st March last, has been received notifying that the export of prussiate of soda from Canada is prohibited to all destinations, except under special licence from the Canadian Department of Customs. (C. 10,827.)

DOMINION OF NEW ZEALAND.

Customs Decisions.

The Board of Trade are in receipt of copy of a Minister's Order (No. D 5), dated 20th January, 1915, giving Customs decisions relative to the rates of duty leviable on various articles on importation into the Dominion of New Zealand.

The following are the principal decisions given therein:—

Articles.	No. of Tariff Heading.	Rates of Import Duty. On Foreign Goods.	Rates of Import Duty. On Goods the produce or manufacture of any part of the British Dominions.
Acid calcium phosphate, purified	482	Free	Free
" soda phosphate, purified ...			
Cork discs, declared for the manufacture of "crown seals" for bottling			
Rubbered wheels for castors, declared for the manufacture of hospital beds...			
Crowbars	183	30 % *ad val.*	20 % *ad val.*
Scientific instruments and apparatus:—			
Kelvin's composite balance (an electric current testing apparatus)	280	Free	Free
Scissors not less than 10 inches in length ...	359	Free	Free
Washstand backs (panels of earthen tiles glued or cemented to backing-boards	117	30 % *ad val.*	20 % *ad val.*

(C. 10,136.)

Tariff Changes and Customs Regulations.

UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA.

Consular Certificates of Origin required for Goods Imported from various neutral European Countries, irrespective of value of consignment.

With reference to the notice which appeared on p. 473 of the "Board of Trade Journal" for the 18th February last respecting the requirement of Consular Certificates of Origin for Imports from certain neutral European Countries, the Board of Trade have now received, through the Colonial Office, copy of a cablegram from the Union Government stating that certificates will be required in respect of all goods not exempted, irrespective of the value of the consignment, shipped on and after the 1st April, 1915. (C. 10,564.)

Customs Decisions.

The Board of Trade have received copy of a Customs Notice (No. 4), dated 4th February, 1915, giving decisions relative to the rates of duty leviable on certain articles on importation into the Union of South Africa.

The following are the principal decisions given therein :—

Articles.	No. of Tariff Heading	Rates of Import Duty.	Rebate upon goods the growth, produce or manufacture of the United Kingdom or reciprocating British Colonies.
*Boiler preservative "Eclipse Mineral" ...	76	3 % *ad val.*	Whole of the duty.
Butter oil (edible cotton seed or soya oil) ...	193	†	3 % *ad val.*
Catgut (not being aseptic catgut ligatures)...	193	†	3 % "
Enema syringes	193	†	3 % "
Feltine—a paper for placing under linoleum	120	3 % "	Whole of the duty.
*French polish...	48	2s. per Imp. gall.	Nil.
Hydraulic press, for fitting and detaching solid motor tyres (workshop fixture).	114A	3 % *ad val.*	Whole of the duty.
Ligature silk	188A	Free.	
Pump leather (in the hide)	193	†	3 % *ad val.*
Rumble bells, for harness	193	†	3 % "
Thread, sailmakers', for use with industrial sewing machines, in making flour bags, sugar pockets, and similar bags for produce.	137	3 % *ad val.*	Whole of the duty.
Trusses (abdominal belts)	193	†	3 % *ad val.*
Ultramarine blue for soap making	193	†	3 % "

* Revised decision.

† Since the issue of the above Customs Notice, the rate of duty under Tariff item No. 193 has been proposed to be increased from 15 per cent. to 20 per cent. *ad valorem*, with a rebate of 3 per cent. *ad valorem* allowed on British goods. (C. 9,916.)

EAST AFRICA PROTECTORATE.

Free Importation of Gifts for Troops.

The Board of Trade have received copy of "The Customs Tariff Amendment Ordinance, 1915" (No. 2 of 1915), which amends "The Customs Tariff Ordinance, 1909," by providing for the free importation into the Protectorate from the 1st December, 1914, of goods intended as gifts to troops.

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EAST AFRICA PROTECTORATE—*continued.*

The conditions which must be observed to secure free importation are the same as those specified below as regards the importation of similar goods into the Uganda Protectorate. (C. 9,914.)

Exportation of certain Foodstuffs Prohibited.

The Board of Trade have also received copy of a Proclamation (No. 4), dated 29th January, 1915, which prohibits the exportation from the Protectorate to any destination of the following articles:—

Barley.
Beans.
Chiroko (or Moong or Mopokio).
Garlic.
Ground Nuts.
Maize.
Mwele.
Millet.
Oats.
Onions.
Peas.
Potatoes.
Rice.
Sim Sim (or Sesame).
Sugar.
Urad.
Wheat.
Wimbi.

(C. 9,915.)

UGANDA PROTECTORATE.

Free Importation of Gifts for Troops.

The Board of Trade are in receipt of copy of an Ordinance (No. 1 of 1915) dated 27th January, 1915, which amends the "Customs Tariff Ordinance, 1910," by providing for the free importation into the Protectorate of all goods imported on and after 1st December, 1914, as gifts to troops, and consigned for distribution to Officers in command of such troops or to Government Departments.

Provision is also made in the Ordinance that this exemption shall cease to have effect immediately on the cessation of the present war, provided, however, that if on the date of such cessation any gifts have been already shipped or despatched, such gifts shall be exempt, notwithstanding they arrive in the Protectorate after the cessation of the present war. (C. 9,911.)

Exempting Gifts for Troops from Payment of Road and Wharfage Dues.

Copy of a Proclamation dated 27th January, 1915, has also been received, exempting, on and after 1st December, 1914, gifts for troops consigned as above stated from the payment of Road and Wharfage Dues in the Protectorate. (C. 9,913.)

Prohibiting Export of Seed Cotton from 30th June, 1915, from various Ports.

The Board of Trade have received copy of a Notice (No. 24), dated 26th January, 1915, which has been issued under the "Uganda Customs Consolidation Ordinance, 1904," and which prohibits the export of seed cotton from any of the undermentioned ports on or after the 30th June, 1915, viz.:—

Entebbe, Port Bell, Jinja. (C. 9,912.)

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EGYPT.

Prohibiting Exportation of Drugs, Serums, &c.

The "Journal Officiel" of the 1st March last contains a Ministerial Decision dated 25th February, prohibiting the exportation or re-exportation by sea or by land to any destination, of drugs of all descriptions, and of medicinal chemical products and serums.

(C. 10,133.)

Revised Import Tariff Valuations for Petroleum.

The same issue of the "Journal Officiel" contains the following revised Valuation Tariff for use in assessing import duties on petroleum, which came into force on the 1st March, and is to remain in operation until the 31st May, 1915, or until denunciation :—

Description.	Unit.	Revised Valuation.
		Millièmes.
American petroleum ...	Per case of two cans	267*
	Per can (not in case)	129†
Safety petroleum	Per case of two cans ...	367*
Russian petroleum ...	Per case of two cans	282*
	Per can (not in case)	121†
Russian and American petroleum in bulk	Per 1,000 kilogs.	6,460
Roumanian petrol in bulk .	Per 1,000 kilogs.	6,160
Mazut (liquid fuel) of any origin	Per 1,000 kilogs.	*ad val.*

* Including 50 *millièmes* for the cost of the two cans.
† Including 25 *millièmes* for the cost of one can.
NOTE.—Duty is leviable on the valuations shown at the rate of 4 per cent.

(C. 10,172.)

Revised Import Tariff Valuations for Coal.

The "Journal Officiel" of the 1st March also contains the following revised Tariff valuations for use in assessing Customs duties on coal and coke imported into Egypt, with effect from 1st March to 30th April, 1915 :—

Category.	Valuation per ton of 1,000 kilogrammes (2,204 lbs.).*
	£ E
South Wales coal—Cardiff, Swansea, Newport, &c.	2·400
Newcastle, Sunderland, and other North Country coal, South African and Indian	2·110
Lancashire, Yorkshire, North Wales and Scottish coal	2·110
Gas coal (Newcastle) for use in gas factories	1·980
Briquettes (patent fuel), from Swansea and Scotland	2·400
Dust slack coal and small coal of any origin, also rubbly culm and duff (excluding nuts)	1·850
Foundry coke and Cannel coal	2·750
Gas coke of any origin, including chemical coke	2·450
American, Belgian, French, and German coal	2·400
Anthracite coal of any origin	2·700

* Duty is leviable on these valuations at the rate of 4 per cent.
1,000 *millièmes* = £ E 1 = £1 0s. 6d.

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It is also stated that, by reason of the present circumstances, the reduction of 25 *millièmes* per ton on coal imported *viâ* Port Said, or in transit through that port, is suspended during the operation of the above-mentioned valuations. (C. 10,172.)

Valuation Tariff for Exports.

The same issue of the "Journal Officiel" also contains a Tariff giving the valuations for cotton, beans, lentils, maize, barley and other articles exported from Egypt, which is to remain in operation for the month of March. (C. 10,172.)

GOLD COAST.

New Customs Tariff.

The Board of Trade have been informed by the Colonial Office that a revised Customs Tariff Ordinance was passed by the Government of the Gold Coast on the 16th March last, bringing into operation new rates of duty on articles imported into the Colony.

The distinction hitherto drawn for Customs duty purposes between the Gold Coast, East and West of the river Volta, has been abolished, and henceforth, the import duties will be uniform on both sides of the river.

The following Table shows the principal charges in the rates of duty leviable under the new Ordinance—the old rates in force in the Colony, West of the Volta, having been inserted for the purpose of comparison :—

Articles.	Rates of Import Duty.	
	Old Rates.	New Rates.
	s. d.	s. d.
Brandy, gin, rum, liqueurs and miscellaneous spirits or strong waters, not being sweetened or mixed with any article so that the degree of strength cannot be ascertained by Tralles' alcoholometer, if the strength of 50 per cent. of pure alcohol by such alcoholometer.		
Per imp. gall. or part thereof	6 3	7 6
And for every degree or part of a degree in excess of a strength of 50 per cent. by such alcoholometer, an additional duty		
Per imp. gall. or part thereof	0 2½	0 2½
And for every degree below a strength of 50 per cent. by such alcoholometer, a reduction of duty		
Per imp. gall. or part thereof	0 1	0 1½
Provided always that the duty shall in no case be less than		
Per imp. gall. or part thereof	5 6	6 6
Tobacco, unmanufactured ... ...per lb.	0 6	0 8
Cigarettes ... ... „	1 6	9d. per 100.
Cigars ... ... „	1 6	1s. „ 50.
Matches ... ...*ad val*	10 per cent.	1s. per gross boxes.
Salt	Part 2 d. per cwt.. Part 10 % *ad val.*	1s. per cwt.

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Articles.	Rates of Import Duty. Old Rates.	New Rates.
	s. d.	s. d.
Still wines (other than medicated) Per imp. gall. or part thereof	1 0	2 0
Firearms:		
Flint-lock muzzle loading guns ... each	2 0	5 0
Rifles ... ... ,,	20 0	20 0
Guns (other than flint-lock), for sporting purposes	5 0	10 0
Revolvers ... ... ,,	2 6	10 0
Beef and pork (wet salted):		
(*a*) In half barrels or kegs not exceeding 100 lbs. in weight nett Per each ½ barrel or keg	2 6	9d. per 25 lbs.
(*b*) In barrels exceeding 100 lbs. in weight nett ... ...Per 100 lbs. or part thereof	2 6	
Candles ... ...*ad val.*	10 per cent.	9d. ,,
Coffee ... ... ,,	10 ,,	2d. per lb.
Tea ... ... ,,	10	2d. ,,
Cordage	10 ,,	8s. per cwt.
Flour:		
In half barrels not exceeding in weight 98 lbs. nett ... ... Per ½ barrel	1 0	
In barrels exceeding 98 lbs. but not exceeding 196 lbs. nett ... Per barrel	2 0	1s. 3d. per 98 lbs.
In barrels exceeding 196 lbs. Per 100 lbs. or part thereof	1 3	
Soap ... ...*ad val.*	10 per cent.	1s. 6d. per cwt.

(C. 10,115.)

Prohibiting Exportation of British Ships except to British Ports.

The "Government Gazette" of the 20th February contains copy of a Proclamation dated 30th January, 1915, which has been issued under Section 145 of "The Customs Ordinance, 1876," and which prohibits from the 30th January last the exportation from the Colony of any British ships, except to ports in the British Empire. **(C. 10,319.)**

SIERRA LEONE.

Restricting the Exportation of certain Articles.

With reference to the notice which appeared on pp. 693–5 of the "Board of Trade Journal" for the 11th March last relative to the restriction of the exportation from Sierra Leone of certain articles to various countries under Proclamation No. 3 of 1915, the Board of Trade have now received copy of a further Proclamation (No. 5 of 1915) dated 25th February, revoking Proclamation No. 3, and, at the same time, prohibiting the exportation of the following articles to the extent specified:—

(*a*) To all ports, with the exception of British ports—

Graphite suitable for making crucibles.

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(*b*) To all ports, other than those of the United Kingdom, British Possessions and Protectorates of—

Arms of all kinds, including arms for sporting purposes, and their distinctive component parts, but not including unrifled firearms for sporting purposes.

Projectiles, charges, and cartridges of all kinds, and their distinctive component parts.

Powder and explosives specially prepared for use in war.

Ingredients of explosives, viz., nitric acid, sulphuric acid, glycerine, acetone, calcium, acetate and all other metallic acetates, sulphur, potassium nitrate, the fractions of the distillation products of coal tar between benzol and cresol inclusive, aniline, methylaniline, dimethylaniline, ammonium perchlorate, sodium perchlorate, sodium chlorate, barium chlorate, ammonium nitrate, cyanamide, potassium chlorate, calcium nitrate, mercury.

Resinous products, and turpentine (oil and spirits) except resin and camphor.

Gun mountings, limber boxes, limbers, military wagons, field forges, and their distinctive component parts.

Range-finders and their distinctive component parts.

Clothing and equipment of a distinctively military character.

Saddle, draught, and pack animals suitable for use in war.

All kinds of harness of a distinctively military character.

Articles of camp equipment and their distinctive component parts.

Ferro alloys, including ferro-tungsten, ferro-molybdenum, ferro-manganese, ferro-vanadium, ferro-chrome, ferro-nickel, ferro-silicon, ferro-titanium, spiegeleisen.

The following metals :—Tungsten, molybdenum, vanadium, nickel selenium, cobalt, manganese.

The following ores :—Wolframite, scheelite, molybdenite, manganese ore, nickel ore, chrome ore, zinc ore, lead ore, bauxite.

Aluminium, alumina, salts of aluminium, alloys of aluminium.

Antimony, together with the sulphides and oxides of antimony, alloys of antimony.

Copper, unwrought and part wrought, all kinds including alloys of copper (such as brass, gun metal, naval brass and delta metal, phosphor copper, and phosphor bronze), copper and brass sheets, circles, slabs, bars, pipes, ingots, scrap rods, plates, solid drawn tubes, condenser plates, copper wires B. W. G. No., brass wires B. W. G. No., bronze wire, solder containing copper.

Lead, pig, sheet or pipe.

Barbed wire, and implements for fixing and cutting the same.

Warships, including boats and their distinctive component parts of such a nature that they can only be used on a vessel of war.

Submarine sound signalling apparatus.

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SIERRA LEONE—*continued.*

(*b*)—*continued.*

Aeroplanes, airships, balloons, and aircraft of all kinds, and their component parts, together with accessories and articles recognisable as intended for use in connection with balloons and aircraft, including gold beater's skin, shantung silk in the piece, flax fabric suitable for aeroplanes, non-inflammable celluloid sheet (or similar transparent material non-soluble in lubricating oil, petrol or water) aeroplane dope, high tensile steel tubes, aeroplane instruments (aneroids barographs, revolution indicators), aeroplane turn-buckles, steel stampings, magnetos, aeroplane engines and parts, fusel oil (amyl alcohol) amyl acetate, aceto cellulose, trephenyl phosphate.

Tyres for motor vehicles and for cycles, together with articles or materials especially adapted for use in the manufacture or repair of tyres.

Rubber (including raw, waste, and reclaimed rubber) and goods made wholly of rubber.

Mineral oils and motor spirit, except lubricating oils.

Clothing, fabrics for clothing, and boots and shoes suitable for use in war.

Vehicles of all kinds, other than motor vehicles, available for use in war, and their component parts.

Vessels, craft, and boats of all kinds; floating docks, parts of docks, and their component parts.

Fuel, other than coal lubricants.

Powder and explosives not specially prepared for use in war.

Horse shoes and shoeing materials.

Harness and saddlery.

Hides of all kinds, dry or wet; pigskins, raw or dressed; leather, undressed or dressed, suitable for saddlery, harness, or military boots.

Field glasses, telescopes.

Woolled sheep skins.

(*c*) To foreign ports in Europe and on the Mediterranean and Black Sea other than those of France, Russia (except Baltic ports), Spain and Portugal, of—

Armour plates.

Motor vehicles of all kinds and their component parts.

Iron pyrites.

Implements and apparatus designed exclusively for the manufacture of munitions of war, for the manufacture or repair of arms, or war material for use on land and sea.

Firearms, unrifled, for sporting purposes.

Resin and camphor.

Hæmatite pig iron.

Hæmatite iron ore.

Foodstuffs.

Forage and feeding stuffs for animals and all raw materials for the same, including copra, palm kernels and cocoa beans.

Railway materials, both fixed and rolling stock, and materials for telegraphs, wireless telegraphs, and telephones.

Chronometers and all kinds of nautical instruments.

(C. 10,318.)

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NIGERIA.

Exportation of Certain Articles Prohibited.

With reference to the Notices on pp. 835–6 of the "Board of Trade Journal" for the 24th December, 1914, and on p. 692 of the issue for the 11th March last, respecting the prohibition of the exportation of certain articles from Nigeria under Orders-in-Council No. 28 of 1914 and No. 4 of 1915, the Board of Trade have now received copy of an Order-in-Council, No. 5 of 1915, dated 16th February, under which the above-mentioned Orders-in-Council are revoked, and a new list of prohibitions of export from Nigeria brought into operation from that date, as follows:—

(*a*) To any port or other than a British Port—

Arms of all kinds, except unrifled firearms for sporting purposes, and their distinctive component parts.

Projectiles, charges, and cartridges of all kinds and their distinctive component parts.

Powder and explosives specially prepared for use in war.

Ingredients of explosives, viz., nitric acid, sulphuric acid, glycerine, acetone, calcium acetate and all other metallic acetates, sulphur, potassium nitrate, the fractions of the distillation products of coal tar between benzol and cresol inclusive, aniline, methylaniline, dimethylaniline, ammonium perchlorate, sodium perchlorate, sodium chlorate, barium chlorate, ammonium nitrate, cyanamide, potassium chlorate, calcium nitrate, mercury.

Resinous products (excluding rosin), and turpentine (oil and spirit).

Gun mountings, limber boxes, limbers, military wagons, field forges, and their distinctive component parts.

Range-finders and their distinctive component parts.

Clothing and equipment of a distinctively military character.

Saddle, draught, and pack animals suitable for use in war.

All kinds of harness of a distinctively military character.

Articles of camp equipment and their distinctive component parts.

Ferro alloys, including ferro-tungsten, ferro-molybdenum, ferro-manganese, ferro-vanadium, ferro-chrome, ferro-nickel, ferro-silicon, ferro titanium, spiegeleisen.

The following metals: Tungsten, molybdenum, vanadium, nickel, selenium, cobalt, manganese.

The following ores:—Wolframite, scheelite, molybdenite, manganese ore, nickel ore, chrome ore, zinc ore, lead ore, bauxite.

Aluminium, alumina and salts of aluminium, and any alloy of aluminium.

Antimony, together with the sulphides and oxides of antimony, and any alloy of antimony.

Copper, unwrought and part wrought, of all kinds including alloys of copper (such as brass, gun metal, naval brass and delta metal, phosphor copper and phosphor bronze), copper

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(a)—*continued.*

and brass sheets, circles, slabs, bars, pipes, ingots, scrap, rods, plates, solid drawn tubes, condenser plates, copper wire, brass wire, bronze wire, and solder containing copper.

Lead—Pig, sheet, or pipe.

Barbed wire, and implements for fixing and cutting the same.

Warships, including boats and their distinctive component parts of such a nature that they can only be used on a vessel of war.

Submarine sound signalling apparatus.

Aeroplanes, airships, balloons, and aircraft of all kinds, and their component parts, together with accessories and articles recognisable as intended for use in connection with balloons and aircraft, including goldbeater's skin, shantung silk in the piece, flax fabric suitable for aeroplanes, non-inflammable celluloid sheet (or similar transparent material non-soluble in lubricating oil, petrol, or water), aeroplane dope, high tensile steel tubes, aeroplane instruments (aneroids, barographs, revolution indicators), aeroplane turnbuckles, steel stampings, magnetos, aeroplane engines and parts, fusel oil (amyl alcohol), amyl acetate, aceto-celluloses, trephenyl phosphate.

Tyres for motor vehicles and for cycles, together with articles or materials especially adapted for use in the manufacture or repair of tyres.

Rubber (including raw, waste, and reclaimed rubber) and goods made wholly of rubber.

Mineral oils and motor spirit, except lubricating oils.

Clothing, fabrics for clothing, and boots and shoes suitable for use in war.

Gold and silver in coin or bullion; paper money.

Vehicles of all kinds, other than motor vehicles, available for use in war, and their component parts.

Vessels, craft, and boats of all kinds; floating docks, parts of docks, and their component parts.

Powder and explosives not specially prepared for use in war.

Horseshoes and shoeing materials.

Harness and saddlery.

Hides of all kinds, dry or wet; pigskins, raw or dressed; leather, undressed or dressed, suitable for saddlery, harness, or military boots.

Field glasses, telescopes.

Graphite suitable for the manufacture of crucibles.

Vessels, craft, and boats of all kinds, floating docks, parts of docks, and their component parts.

Explosives of all kinds.

Valonia.

Grindery used in the making of boots and shoes.

Lubricants.

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(*b*) To any foreign port in Europe and on the Mediterranean and Black Sea, with the exception of those of France, Russia (except the Baltic ports), Spain and Portugal :—

Foodstuffs, provisions and victuals of sorts which may be used as food for men, and all raw materials convertible into food, including palm produce, cocoa beans, copra, maize, groundnuts, shea produce and any other produce.
Forage and food of all kinds for animals.
Unrifled firearms for sporting purposes.
Armour plates.
Rosin and camphor.
Implements and apparatus designed exclusively for the manufacture of munitions of war, for the manufacture or repair of arms, or war material for use on land and sea.
Gold and silver in coin or bullion : paper money.
Motor vehicles of all kinds and their component parts.
Railway material, both fixed and rolling stock, and materials for telegraphs, wireless telegraphs, and telephones.
Fuel other than mineral oils.
Chronometers, and all kinds of nautical instruments.
Hæmatite pig iron.
Hæmatite iron ore.
Iron pyrites.

(C. 10,317.)

GAMBIA.

Increase of Import Duties on Spirits.

The Board of Trade are notified by the Colonial Office that, on and after 1st April next, the duties imposed on spirits imported into the Gambia will be raised to 5s. 6d. per gallon at 50 degrees. Tralles, spirits of over 50 degrees strength pay an additional duty of 1½d. per gallon for each degree, or part of a degree, above 50, and weaker spirits obtain a remission of 1d. per gallon for each degree below 50, subject always to a minimum duty of 3s. 6d. per gallon.

RUSSIA.

Prohibition of Exportation of Hides and Skins.

The Board of Trade are in receipt, through the Foreign Office, of telegraphic information from H.M. Ambassador at Petrograd to the effect that a Decree was published on the 20th March prohibiting the export, by all the frontiers of Russia, of dressed and undressed hides and skins. Exemptions from this prohibition may, however, be allowed in favour of States which are allied to or friendly with Russia.

(C. 10,808.)

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RUSSIA—*continued.*

Increase of Customs Duty on Green Tea imported into Turkestan and Bukhara.

The Board of Trade are in receipt, through the Foreign Office, of information to the effect that the official "Bulletin of Laws" of Petrograd, dated the 10th/23rd February, publishes a Decree of the Minister of Commerce which modifies Section 2, letter *j*, of the Tariff and Regulations for foreign goods imported into the Trans-Caspian Territory and the Khanate of Bukhara by fixing at 18 roubles per poud the Customs duty on green tea imported at the Custom houses of the Province of the Governor-General of Turkestan, on the banks of the Piandzha and Amu-Darya, and at the Bukhara Custom house.

(C. 10,156.)

NORWAY.

Prohibition of Exportation of Certain Articles.

The Board of Trade are in receipt, through the Foreign Office, of telegraphic information to the effect that the exportation of the following articles from Norway has been prohibited—turpentine oil (with the exception of turpentine oil produced in Norway and accompanied by certificates of origin); apparatus and instruments for medical, surgical, veterinary and dental use, and for sick nursing in general; tin, raw, and tin in rolls, bars, sheets and filings.

(C. 10,278; C. 10,656; C. 10,810.)

DENMARK.

Prohibition of Exportation of Knitting Machine Needles.

The Board of Trade are in receipt, through the Foreign Office, of telegraphic information to the effect that the exportation of knitting machine needles from Denmark has been prohibited.

(C. 10,638.)

NETHERLANDS.

Prohibition of Exportation of certain Articles.

The Board of Trade are in receipt, through the Foreign Office, of telegraphic information from H.M. Minister at The Hague to the effect that the following measures have recently been taken affecting the prohibition of the exportation of various articles from the Netherlands:—

A Royal Decree of the 13th March prohibits the exportation of *cocoa paste* and of *cocoa in the lump* (*cacaomassa*).

A Royal Decree of the 16th March prohibits the exportation of *sauerkraut* and of *salted vegetables*; and a further Royal Decree of the same date extends the prohibition of the exportation of barbed wire (noted at page 179 of the "Board of Trade Journal" for the 15th October, 1914) to cover *iron wire, barbed wire, and other articles made of wire*, and also *spades*.

A further Royal Decree of the same date extends the prohibition of the exportation of *lead* to cover *waterpipes and watermains of lead or of tinned lead*.

A Royal Decree, dated the 18th February and published on the 17th March, prohibits the exportation of *pork in all forms*.

(C. 10,149; C. 10,528.)

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FRANCE.

Temporary Suspension of the Entrepot Surtax on Nitrate of Soda.

The French "Journal Officiel" for the 18th March contains a Presidential Decree, dated the 13th March, which suspends temporarily, as from the former date, the "*surtaxe d'entrepôt*" on nitrate of soda, so far as concerns importations effected for the requirements of national defence. In order to obtain a remission of this surtax, the importers will be required to prove that the nitrate is imported in order to satisfy purchases made by the Government.

The surtax is to be re-established by Decree as soon as circumstances justify such a course. In such case, cargoes which are proved to have been despatched to France before the publication of the Decree re-establishing the surtax will be admitted free of duty.

[*Note.*—The "*surtax d'entrepôt*" is a special tax which is levied on products of extra-European origin imported into France from a European country. In the case of nitrate of soda, the surtax is levied at the rate of 3 francs 60 centimes per 100 kilogs. gross weight. Nitrate of soda is exempt from Customs duty proper.] (C. 10.891.)

FRENCH COLONIES.

Prohibitions of the Export of various Articles from France made applicable in French Colonies.

With reference to the notices in the "Board of Trade Journal" for the 14th January (pages 122–3) and for the 18th March (page 767) respecting the prohibition of the exportation from French Colonies of various articles which had been prohibited to be exported from France by Presidential Decrees of the 21st December, 1914, the 9th January and the 4th February, 1915, the Board of Trade are now in receipt, through the Foreign Office, of copy of a Presidential Decree, dated the 13th March and published in the "Journal Officiel" of the 16th, which renders applicable in the French Colonies and Protectorates (other than Tunis and Morocco) the prohibitions of export from France which were established in respect of certain articles by the Decree of the 6th March (*see* the issue of the "Board of Trade Journal" for the 11th March, pages 697-8).

Exemption from these prohibitions may, however, be accorded under conditions to be laid down by the Minister for the Colonies.

(C. 10.746.)

SWITZERLAND.

Prohibition of Exportation of certain Articles.

The Board of Trade are in receipt, through the Foreign Office, of telegraphic information to the effect that the Swiss Federal Council have added the following articles to the list of articles the exportation of which from Switzerland is prohibited:—

Boots and shoes of all kinds and parts thereof;
Graphite crucibles;
Camphor, raw and refined. (C. 10.261.)

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PORTUGAL.

Exportation of Eggs, Fish and Cheese permitted.

With reference to the notices at page 367 of the "Board of Trade Journal," for the 6th August, 1914, respecting the prohibition of the exportation from Portugal and the adjacent Islands of live stock, fuel, and food (except wine), and at page 49 of the "Board of Trade Journal," for the 1st October, reporting that as an exception, pitwood and eggs might be exported to the United Kingdom from Portugal, the "Diario do Governo" for the 2nd March contains a Decree, of the same date, which authorises the exportation from Portugal and the adjacent Islands of the undermentioned articles of food, subject to the payment of the respective export duties and of the following surtaxes—

		Surtax payable (in addition to Export Duty).
Eggs	per kilog.	7 centavos
Fresh fish except sardines, and all fish salted, pressed, or prepared in any way, with the exception of fish preserved in comestible oils	per kilog.	1 centavo
Fresh sardines, not prepared, or with only sufficient salt to preserve them	per kilog.	1½ centavos
Cheese	per kilog.	5 "

(C. 10,815.)

ITALY.

Exportation of Tanning Extracts.

With reference to the notice on page 194 of the "Board of Trade Journal" for the 21st January last, reporting the withdrawal of the restrictions on the export of tanning extracts from Italy, the Board of Trade are now in receipt, through the Foreign Office, of telegraphic information to the effect that the exporation of such extracts is at present prohibited in principle, but permission will be granted for the export of an amount not exceeding each month the quantity exported during the corresponding month of 1914. (C. 9,704.)

GREECE.

Prohibition of Exportation of Beer.

With reference to the notice at page 769 of last week's issue of the "Board of Trade Journal" respecting the articles which are prohibited to be exported from Greece, the Board of Trade are in receipt, through the Foreign Office, of telegraphic information to the effect that the exportation of beer from Greece has now been prohibited. (C. 10,743.)

ROUMANIA.

Prohibition of Exportation of Barley, Rye and Peas.

The Board of Trade are in receipt, through the Foreign Office, of telegraphic information to the effect that the exportation of barley, rye and peas from Roumania has been prohibited. (C. 10,532.)

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SERBIA.

Prohibition of Exportation of Certain Articles.

The Board of Trade are in receipt, through the Foreign Office, of telegraphic information to the effect that the exportation of the following articles from Serbia has been prohibited by a Decree of the Serbian Government:—Sheepskins and wool; tanned hides; copper and lead, and all articles composed of these metals; antimony; foodstuffs and forage, livestock (with the exception of goats), chickens, eggs, lard. As an exception to the general prohibition of the export of foodstuffs, however, the following articles will be allowed to be exported:—Dried and smoked fish and meat, prepared meat, such as hams, etc., with the exception of lard, dried and fresh plums, vegetables and cheese. (C. 10,355.)

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

Customs Decisions.

The following is the substance of some decisions by the Board of General Appraisers respecting the application of the United States Tariff Act of 1913, which have recently been received at the Board of Trade:—

Articles.	Paragraph of the Tariff under which dutiable.	Rate of Duty.
Needlecases containing a celluloid thimble and a hollow celluloid bobbin on which thread is wound, and in which are enclosed two needles and two pins, are dutiable as "needlecases * * * furnished with combinations of needles and other articles," and not as manufactures of pyroxylin [T.D. 35,099]	135	20 % *ad val.*
Turkish towels in the piece woven in patterns in such a manner that each towel is distinctly set forth and a few plain threads are inserted at regular intervals showing where the articles are to be cut apart, are dutiable as "towels * * * made of cotton" and not under the provisions for cotton cloth [T.D. 35,101]	264	25 % ,,
Hatters' plush.—Black plush composed in chief value of silk and known commercially as "hatters' plush" is properly dutiable as "hatters' plush," irrespective of its width, unless its width is such as will exclude it from that class or kind of hatters' plush "such as is used for making men's hats" [T.D. 35,121]	382	10 % *ad val.*
Ducks' feet and gizzards.—Ducks' feet which have been prepared by skinning, placing between the claws a piece of duck's liver, binding the whole together with a strip of tendon or gut of the duck, and then salting and drying in the sun; and ducks' gizzards, which have been prepared by cutting open and stripping out the inside lining, after which they are salted and dried in the sun, are not dutiable as poultry prepared in any manner, but are entitled to free entry under the provision for "meats of all kinds, prepared or preserved, not specially provided for in this section" [T.D. 35,130]	545	Free

(C. 8,731.)

SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT.

UNITED KINGDOM.

Steamship Services to the Continent.

Information regarding the present steamship services for cargo between the United Kingdom and the Continent of Europe may be obtained on application to the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C. Firms making written application for this information are requested to indicate between what countries or ports in the United Kingdom and what ports on the Continent they desire to obtain the detailed sailings.

UNITED KINGDOM. FRANCE.

New Cargo Service from London to Dieppe.

Information has been received from the London, Brighton and South Coast Railway Company to the effect that a provisional cargo service has been established between London and Dieppe. The first vessel arrived at the London Docks on Monday, 22nd March, and left yesterday, 24th March. There will probably be two sailings per week each way, but it must be understood that no responsibility is taken for delay, suspension, or cancellation, of the service without previous notice.

This service is understood to be preliminary to the service which it is hoped to establish permanently from Littlehampton to France in a few weeks' time, in conjunction with the French State Railways.

NEW ZEALAND.

Proposed Harbour Improvement at Patea.

H.M. Trade Commissioner for New Zealand (Mr. W. G. Wickham) has forwarded an extract from the local press in which it is stated, in connection with the £86,000 loan recently secured by the Patea Harbour Board, that the Marine Department has approved plans for the improvement of the port of Patea. Tenders are now being invited for the extensions of the existing breakwater in concrete, on the "pierre perdue" system. The contract time to complete the works is 1½ years, and it is estimated that the extension will result in an increase of 50 per cent. in the trade of the port. (C.I.B. 11,937.)

NORWAY. UNITED KINGDOM.

New Steamship Service from Bergen to Glasgow and Manchester.

H.M. Consul at Bergen (Mr. O. Wardrop) reports that a new line of steamers from Bergen to Glasgow and Manchester has been established by a local firm and that sailings have already taken place. The present intention is to provide for two sailings a month, but the number will probably be increased before long. (M. 7,089.)

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MOROCCO.

Extension of Kenitra-Mequinez Railway to Fez.

With reference to the notice on p. 633 of the "Board of Trade Journal" of 4th March relative to the use of military railways in the French Zone of Morocco by civilians for the transport of approved goods, H.M. Consul at Fez (Mr. J. MacLeod, C.M.G.) reports that the military railway between Kenitra and Mequinez has been completed to within 3½ miles of Fez, and will probably be opened to traffic in May.

Mr. MacLeod states that the use of the railway has been restricted hitherto by the insufficiency of the rolling stock and the difficulty of obtaining engines, &c. from France. The freight rates work out very favourably in comparison with transport by camel between Fez and Laraiche. Moreover, while the journey will only take three days by this route, the journey by camel from Laraiche to Fez takes 12 days in summer and 50 days or more in winter. There seems little doubt, therefore, that, if the deficiency in rolling stock can be made good, the Kenitra route will have a great advantage over that by Laraiche and the traffic of the latter port will be very seriously affected by the opening of this military railway to commercial traffic. (C. 8,571.)

MINERALS, METALS AND MACHINERY.

SOUTHERN RHODESIA.

Mineral Production in 1914.

The High Commissioner for South Africa (Lord Buxton) has furnished the following statistics of the mineral production of Southern Rhodesia for the year ended 31st December, 1914, the figures for 1913 being added for purposes of comparison:—

		1913.		1914.	
		Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.
			£		£
Gold	ozs.	689,954	2,903,268	854,480	3,580,209
Silver	"	142,390	15,106	150,793	14,277
Copper	tons	—	—	1,011	50,559
Lead	"	327	5,233	150	2,488
Chrome iron ore ...	"	63,384	141,481	48,207	107,612
Coal { Raised	"	243,328	78,421	349,459	115,099
Coal { Sold	"	173,658		265,574	
Asbestos	"	290	5,224	487	8,612
Diamonds	carats	997	7,780	1,004	3,985

The total value of the output of gold and other minerals in Southern Rhodesia in 1914 amounted to £3,883,000, an increase of £726,060 as compared with 1913. (C. 9,246.)

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RUSSIA.

Ural Platinum and Gold Mining Industries: Concessions desired.

The British Vice-Consul at Ekaterinburg (Mr. T. H. Preston) reports that at the annual general meeting of the Ural gold and platinum miners, held at that town on 29th January, it was resolved, in view of the difficulties affecting the gold and platinum industries brought about by the war, to petition the Government to make the following concessions:—

Platinum.—That the Government Bank should increase advances on platinum pledged with it from 25,000 roubles to 30,000 roubles per pond; that permission should be granted to export platinum to friendly countries; and that the erection of a new platinum refinery in the town of Ekaterinburg should be authorised.

Gold.—That the present high tariffs for cutting timber in connection with gold mining, as well as the charges for smelting gold in the Government laboratories, should be reduced; that the price of gold (for miners selling gold) should be increased proportionately to its increase in relation to paper money; and that the railway tariffs for the transport of cyanide of potassium and other necessary gold mining supplies should be decreased. (C.I.B. 16,202.)

GERMANY.

Situation in the Potash Industry.

The "Frankfurter Zeitung" of 3rd March states that, owing to the war, the German Potash Syndicate has practically lost its export trade, which was its principal source of profit. The business remaining comprises chiefly sales for domestic industries and above all for German agriculture. Sales for the latter promise to increase, because owing to considerable rises in the price of other fertilisers (phosphates, nitrogenous substances, &c.) farmers are turning to potash manures this spring, so as to ensure the best possible harvest. This increased business may not, however, balance the enhanced cost of production in the works, which has been caused by lack of workmen, smaller production and high prices of necessary raw materials. It is stated that efforts are being made to induce the Federal Council to allow a slight rise in the price fixed by the "Potash Law" for potash for use in domestic agriculture. (X. 5,009.)

Hardware Industry in Rhenish-Westphalia.

According to the "Borsen-Zeitung" (Berlin) of 13th March, business in the Rhenish-Westphalian hardware industry has not changed much during the last few weeks. Selling prices in some branches have been raised, but these increases are mostly due to higher quotations for raw materials. The lack of spring orders from abroad is now being felt, but the hardware industry is carrying out army contracts wherever possible, so that there is at present very little unemployment. Works, such as arms and ammunition factories, are full up with army orders and have been able to take men from the other branches of the trade which are not so active.

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Business in building materials is very quiet, owing to slackness in the private building trade. There are very few orders for cutlery, owing to the stoppage of the export trade. Business in tools is fairly satisfactory, and there has latterly been more demand for agricultural implements, although the industry is feeling the lack of the usual large exports of these latter goods to Russia. Prices of screws and rivets have again been raised, but business is not very great.

(X. 5,036.)

Effect of the War on Iron Prices.

The "Frankfurter Zeitung" of 5th March publishes the following interesting table showing how the war has affected the prices of various products connected with the German iron and steel industry :—

	Price per Metric Ton.	
	Before the War.	At 5th March.
	Marks.	Marks.
Siegerland ironstone	18·50	19·50
Nassau ironstone	14·00	16·50
Hæmatite pig-iron...	79·50	101·50
Foundry pig-iron	71·50	93·50
Rough blocks	82·50	97·50
Billets	95·00	110·00
Shape iron	110·00	120·00
Bar iron	95·00	125·00
Hoop iron	115·00	140·00
Coarse sheets	100·00	130·00
Fine sheets	117·50	145·00

Marks per metric ton = shillings per ton (approximately).

(X. 5,037.)

AGRICULTURAL & FOREST PRODUCTS.

UNITED KINGDOM.

Corn Prices.

The prices of British corn per quarter of 8 bushels, as received from the Inspectors of Corn Returns in the week ended 20th March, 1915, were as follows :—

Wheat	53s.	9d.
Barley	32s.	2d.
Oats	30s.	7d.

For further particulars see p. 852.

Imports of Agricultural Produce.

A statement is published on p. 853 showing the quantities of the various descriptions of agricultural produce imported into the United Kingdom during the week ended 20th March, 1915, as well as of imports during the corresponding week of 1914.

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Cotton Statistics.

The number of bales of cotton **imported** into the United Kingdom during the week ended 18th March, 1915, was 160,189 (including 234 bales British West Indian and 36 bales British West African), and the number imported during the eleven weeks ended 18th March, 1915, was 1,849,964 (including 852 bales British West Indian, 127 bales British West African, 5,073 bales British East African, and 404 bales foreign East African). The number of bales **exported** during the week ended 18th March, 1915, was 13,523, and during the eleven weeks 164,712.

For further details see p. 852.

SOUTH AFRICA.

Mealie Crop Prospects.

According to information received at the office of H.M. Trade Commissioner for South Africa from the Commissioner of Customs and Excise at Pretoria, a good mealie crop all over the Union is anticipated. In Natal it is expected that the crop will constitute a record for the past twenty years and that there will be a surplus of 2,000,000 bags for export. In the Orange Free State also a record crop is expected, some estimates placing it as high as 3,000,000 bags, three-fourths of which will be available for export. (C.I.B. 14,919)

GERMANY.

Prussian Wine Harvest in 1914.

The "Deutscher Reichsanzeiger" (Berlin) of 11th March publishes the following figures of the Prussian wine harvest in 1914, as compared with the four previous years:—

Year.	Area planted.	Yield	Value of yield.	Average yield per hectare.	Average price per hectolitre.
	Hectares.	Hectols.	Marks.	Hectols.	Marks.
1910	17,232	263,107	21,910,795	15·3	83·4
1911	17,100	537,[illegible]97	44,136,256	31·4	82·2
1912	17,101	422,558	21,511,808	24·7	50·0
1913	17,216	218,264	15,925,798	12·7	73·0
1914	16,986	223,302	11,683,994	13·1	52·8

The total yield of must in 1914 consisted of 209,416 hectols. of white wine valued at 10,807,535 marks, and 13,886 hectols. of red wine valued at 876,459 marks.

As regards the vintage in the various districts, the largest yield was from the Moselle, Saar, and Ruhr district, although it was not of good quality. The best quality came from the Potsdam district, where the whole vintage was classed as good and from the Frankfort, Posen, and Leignitz district where 99 per cent. was good and 1 per cent. fair.

In many parts very little wine was produced at all in 1914, so that the sales of grapes were larger than usual, amounting to about 25,000 kilogs., as compared with 3,000 kilogs. in 1913.

Hectare = 2·47 acres; hectolitre = 22 gallons; kilog. = 2·2046 lbs.; mark = 11·8d.

MISCELLANEOUS.

RUSSIA (SIBERIA).

Results of Irbit Fair, 1915.

The British Vice-Consul at Ekaterinburg (Mr. T. H. Preston) reports that the recent Irbit Fair was less successful than its predecessors, both as regards manufactured goods from Russia and Poland and raw material from Siberia, such as skins, leather, wool, &c. The misgiving which appears to have prevailed amongst manufacturers and raw goods dealers on account of the war was unjustified. All manufactured goods brought to the Fair were readily disposed of, there being a deficiency in some cases. A special dearth was noticeable in Lodz cloths, and the situation was only relieved by the fact that local merchants had bought largely at the Nijni-Novgorod Fair in the previous summer. Prices were high, with a tendency to rise still higher owing to the receipt of a warning from Moscow that a further rise in the price of these articles might be expected owing to the shortage of cotton in Russia and the heavy cost of importing from the United States.

In practically all manufactured goods from the Ural factories and works a rise in price as compared with former years was noticeable: paper rose 20 per cent., and similar increases of price were remarked in other manufactures such as matches, soaps, locally-made machinery, &c. Pig and shaped irons also showed a rise in price but, notwithstanding this, large orders were placed for autumn delivery.

The failure of the Nijni-Novgorod Fair in the previous summer, when owing to the absence of the usual Leipzig buyers the market was practically dead, had imbued the fur dealers with pessimistic views as to business prospects at the Fair at Irbit. The arrival of United Kingdom and French buyers, however, converted failure into comparative success, bringing prices up to normal. Squirrel sold at 37 to 39 copecks (about 9¼d. to 9¾d.) per skin; red fox 11.40 roubles (about £1 4s.) per skin; ermine from 1.50 roubles to 2.20 roubles (about 3s. 2d. to 4s. 8d.) per skin. Sables were very scarce owing to the season being closed for three years. At the same time, owing to the mobilisation, a great many of the hunters were with the military forces and for that reason the number of animals trapped was less than in former years. (C.I.B. 16,201.)

GERMANY.

Situation in the Rhenish-Westphalian Cement Industry.

According to the "Frankfurter Zeitung" of 4th March, the situation in the Rhenish-Westphalian cement industry is still very unsatisfactory, the trade in February being very little better than in the previous month when the output was only about half per cent. of the year's allotment. The Syndicate has taken orders for the first half of 1915 at an increased price of 3 marks per metric ton (about 3s a ton), but such orders are still very few, as many consumers bought large amounts in December in anticipation of higher prices and now have sufficient stocks on hand.

The export trade is much hindered by the prohibition of the export of jute and the consequent difficulty in obtaining packing materials, and the recent over-production in the German cement industry has

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nullified the effect of the cessation of imports from Belgium, which formerly competed with the Rhenish-Westphalian product.

Prospects for the future are still very uncertain; there are no signs of great activity in the private building trade, so that larger sales of cement in the near future are not probable. (X. 5,009.)

MEXICO.

Appropriation of Buildings erected on National Lands.

H.M. Embassy at Washington has forwarded a translation of a Decree, issued in Vera Cruz on 29th January by General Carranza, relative to the treatment of works and other structures erected in federal zones and on national lands.

The Decree ordered that, from the above-mentioned date, all structures erected on lands of federal jurisdiction without legitimate authorisation should become the property of the nation, and that the Secretariat of Finance and Public Credit should take immediate steps to assume possession of the illegal structures and decide whether these should be destroyed or to what use they should be put.

The contracts, concessions or permits considered legitimate by their owners should, it was decreed, be subject to revision and revalidation by, and at the option of, the Secretariat of Finance and Public Credit, a period of three months from the date of the Decree being allowed within which such owners should make application to the Secretariat for such revision and revalidation. In such places as were, at the date of the Decree, outside the control of the then existing Executive, it was provided that the above-mentioned period of three months should date from the day on which such places were occupied by the forces of the Constitutionalist army.

A translation of this Decree may be *seen* by United Kingdom firms interested, at the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, 73, Basinghall Street, London, E.C. (C. 10,014.)

FALKLAND ISLANDS (SOUTH SHETLANDS AND SOUTH ORKNEYS).

Whale Fisheries in 1913-14.

According to information received by the Board of Trade, through the Colonial Office, from the Governor of the Falkland Islands, the total number of whales captured off the South Shetlands in the 1913-14 season was 4,544.* The number of barrels of oil produced by the ten companies operating in these waters was 221,928, with an approximate value of £887,712.

As regards the South Orkneys, the three companies operating in those waters captured a total of 621 whales. The number of barrels of oil produced was 21,750, with an approximate value of £87,000. (C. 8,406.)

* Exclusive of catch (not known) in respect of two of the ten companies operating.

GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS.

TRADE RETURNS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM.

The Monthly Accounts relating to the Trade and Navigation of the United Kingdom for the month of February, 1915, have been published. The accounts, which are issued on the 7th or 8th of each month, may be purchased* at a cost, in the present instance, of 1s. 6d. per copy (post free 1s. 10d.).

Attention is further called to the fact that the three volumes of the "Annual Statement of the Trade of the United Kingdom with Foreign Countries and British Possessions" for the year 1913 have been issued, and may be purchased* at a cost of 5s. 8d. (post free 6s. 2d.) for the first volume and 4s. 1d. (post free 4s. 7d.) for the second, and 3s. 2d. (post free 3s. 7d.) for the third. This publication, which contains much more detailed and exhaustive information than can be given in the Monthly Accounts, gives in the first volume abstract tables for the years 1909–1913, and detailed statements of imports and exports of each article consigned from and to each country; and in the second volume details as to Customs revenue, transhipments and articles in bond, with particulars of the trade of the United Kingdom with each foreign country and British Possession, and of the trade at each port of the United Kingdom. The third volume (supplement) contains a classification on the basis followed in Volumes I. and II. of the "Annual Statement" for 1908 and earlier years.

It may be noted that beginning with the issues for 1909 the figures of Volumes I. and II. relate to the countries of *consignment* for imports, and countries of final destination, so far as known, for exports. A supplementary volume will continue to be issued, in which particulars will be given, as mentioned above, on the same basis as those published (up to the year 1908) in the first two volumes. By this means it will be possible to trace the details of the differences resulting from the change of system for a further limited period.

BOARD OF TRADE LABOUR GAZETTE.

The "Board of Trade Labour Gazette"* is published (price 1d.) by the Board of Trade about the 16th of each month. The following are among the more important contents of the March issue:—The Labour Market in February; Recent Conciliation and Arbitration Cases; Retail Food Prices in the United Kingdom; Employment in Germany; German War Measures; New Swiss Labour Law; Reports on Employment in the Principal Industries; Food Prices in Berlin; Retail Prices in Vienna; Government Work—Committee on Production in Engineering and Shipbuilding Establishments; Labour in the Dominions and Foreign Countries.

COLONIAL OFFICE REPORT.

The following report has been issued by the Colonial Office since the last number of the "Board of Trade Journal":—

No. 825. Southern Nigeria, 1913. Price 3d.

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OTHER GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS.

Report of the Board of Trade on the State of Employment in the United Kingdom in February, 1915. [*Cd.* 7,850.] *Price* 2½*d.*

Railway Companies (Staff and Wages). Return "showing the Average Weekly number of Staff employed and the Average Weekly amount of Salaries and Wages paid to such Staff by the several Railway Companies of the United Kingdom during the year 1913 *in each of the following Departments, viz.: Way and Works: Working Stock Maintenance:* (a) *Locomotive,* (b) *Carriage and Wagon; Operating and Traffic:* (a) *Locomotive,* (b) *Traffic*—(1) *Superintendence.* (2) *Station Masters and Clerks,* (3) *Signalmen and Gatemen,* (4) *Ticket Collectors, Policemen, Porters, &c.,* (5) *Guards,* (6) *Collection and Delivery of Parcels and Goods: General Secretary, General Manager, Accountant, and Clerks."* *H.C.* 470. *Price* 2½*d.*

Emigration. Report on the Emigrants' Information Office for the year ended 31*st December*, 1914. [*Cd.* 7,794.] *Price* 2½*d.*

During the year 1914, written applications to the number of 8,636 were received at the Emigrants' Information Office by, or on behalf of, intending emigrants, as against 18,016 in 1913, a decrease of 52·1 per cent.; the number of personal enquiries in 1914 was 2,479. The total number of enquiries with regard to Canada last year showed a decrease of 61·1 per cent. as compared with 1913, and with regard to Australia and New Zealand a decrease of 55·2 per cent.

Passenger Movement from and to the United Kingdom. February. [*Cd.* 7,808–1.] *Price* ½*d.*

Return showing for the month and two months ended February in each of the years 1914 and 1915:—

(1) The numbers of the passengers that left permanent residence in the United Kingdom to take up permanent residence in places out of Europe, and the numbers that arrived from places out of Europe to take up permanent residence in the United Kingdom; and

(2) The numbers of the passengers that left, or arrived in, the United Kingdom for, or from, places out of Europe; and the numbers of passengers between the United Kingdom and ports on the Continent of Europe, or within the Mediterranean Sea.

H.M. TRADE COMMISSIONERS IN THE SELF-GOVERNING DOMINIONS.

Canada and Newfoundland...	H.M. Trade Commissioner, 3, Beaver Hall Square, Montreal. Telegraphic Address, "Britcom."
Commonwealth of Australia..	H.M. Trade Commissioner, Commerce House, Melbourne. Telegraphic Address, "Combrit"; and New Zealand Insurance Buildings, 81, Pitt Street, Sydney.
New Zealand...	H.M. Trade Commissioner, P.O. Box 369, Wellington. Telegraphic Address, "Advantage."
South Africa	H.M. Trade Commissioner, P.O. Box 1346, Cape Town. Telegraphic Address, "Austere."

Government Publications.

FOREIGN OFFICE REPORTS (1914 Series).

THE following is a complete list of the Reports of H.M. Diplomatic and Consular Officers which were issued in the Annual and Miscellaneous Series during the year 1914. Copies may be obtained, either directly or through any bookseller, from the usual Sale Agents for Government Publications (see list on Cover).

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5327	Gulf of Guinea, Spanish Possessions, 1911-13 .	1d.
5340	Seville, 1913...	2½d.
	Switzerland:	
5398	Switzerland, 1913	2½d.
	Turkey:	
5383	Aleppo, 1913	2d.
5407	Baghdad, 1913	2d.
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5374	Constantinople, 1913 ..	3½d.
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5339	Jerusalem, 1913	2d.
5247	Smyrna, 1912-13	4½d.
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	Abyssinia:	
5421	Gambela, 1913	1d.
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5355	Alexandria, 1913	4d.
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	Morocco:	
5248	Morocco, 1912	5d.
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	China:	
5335	Amoy, 1913	½d.
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5298	Changsha, 1913	1½d.
5373	Chefoo, 1913...	1½d.
5308	Chinkiang, 1913	1½d.
5378	Chungking, 1913	2d.
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5270	Kiungchow, 1913	1½d.
5388	Mengtsz, 1913	1½d.
5348	Nanking, 1913	1½d
5272	Newchwang, 1913	1½d.
5372	Ningpo, 1913	1½d.
5343	Pakhoi, 1913... ...	1½d.
5376	Shanghai, 1913	2d.
5359	Shasi, 1913	1½d.
5273	Swatow, 1913	1½d.
5389	Teng Yueh, 1913	½d.
5344	Tientsin, 1913	1½d.
5341	Tsinan and Tsingtau, 1913	1d.
5307	Wuchow and Nanning, 1913	1½d.
5342	Wuhu, 1913	1½d.
	Corea:	
5345	Corea, 1913	2d.
	ASIA—*continued.*	
	Japan:	
5334	Dairen, 1913...	3½d.
5406	Formosa, 1913	2½d.
5337	Hakodate, 1913	2d.
5390	Japan, 1913	5d.
5408	Kobe, 1913	4d.
5387	Osaka, 1913	2d.
5271	Shimonoseki, 1913	1d.
5386	Yokohama, 1913	2½d.
	Persia:	
5264	Arabistan, 1912-13	1½d.
5267	Bahrein Islands, 1912-13 ...	3½d.
5263	Bunder Abbas, 1912-13 ...	3½d.
5255	Bushire, 1912-13	5d.
5254	Isfahan, 1912-13	4d.
5266	Kerman, 1912-13	1½d.
5419	Kermanshah, 1913-14 ..	1d.
5405	Koweit, 1913-14	2d.
5277	Lingah, 1912-13	2½d.
5413	Lingah, 1913-14	2½d.
5261	Persia, 1912-13	1½d.
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5251	Bangkok, 1912-13	3½d.
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	Mexico:	
5281	Colima, 1913	1½d.
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	United States:	
5285	Baltimore, 1913	3½d.
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5293	St. Louis, 1913	2½d.
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	Costa Rica:	
5363	Costa Rica, 1913	1½d.
	Panama:	
5338	Panama, 1913	2½d.
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	Argentina:	
5243	Buenos Aires, 1912-13 ...	8½d.
687	*Report on the Wine and Fruit Industries of Argentina*	1½d.

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5416	Bolivia, 1913	3d.
	Brazil:	
5262	Pará, 1910-12 and part of 1913...	2½d.
5380	Pará, 1913	2d.
5412	Pernambuco, 1913	*
5268	Porto Alegre, 1913	2½d.
5392	Rio Grande	½d.
5317	São Francisco do Sul, 1913..	1d.
5280	São Paulo, 1913	1d.
	Chile:	
5304	Antofagasta, 1913	1d.
5276	Coquimbo, 1913	2d.
5401	Iquique, 1913	2½d.
	SOUTH AMERICA—*cont.*	
	Paraguay:	
5269	Budget for 1914	½d.
5403	Paraguay, 1913 and part of 1914...	2½d.
	Peru:	
5322	Iquitos, 1913	1½d.
5292	Peru, 1913	2½d.
	Venezuela:	
5358	Caracas, 1912-13	2½d.
5360	Ciudad Bolivar, 1913 ...	1d.
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5289	Dominican Republic, 1913...	2½d.
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12	Additional Protocol to the Treaty of Extradition between Great Britain and Guatemala	½d.
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790	Trinidad and Tobago, 1912-13...	6½d.
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804	Weihaiwei, 1913	2d.
805	Gambia, 1913	1½d.
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807	Gold Coast—Northern Territories, 1913	2½d.
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87	Ceylon: Report on the Results of the Mineral Survey	1½d.
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88	Imperial Institute Reports—V. Oil-Seeds, Fats, and Waxes ...	8½d.
89	Nigeria: Report on the Results of the Mineral Survey of Southern Nigeria, 1913	1d.

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NEWSPAPERS AND PERIODICALS.

Agricultural, Dairy and Forest Products.

Milling Industry in Germany.
"*Die Mühle*" (Leipzig), 15th Jan.

Coffee Market in Hamburg.
"*Börsen-Zeitung*" (Berlin), 1st March.

Timber Trade of Sweden.
"*Af[illegible]*" [illegible] March.

Crop Prospects in Argentina.
"*Review of the River Plate*" (Buenos Aires), 19th Feb.

Citrus Crop Prospects in Sicily.
Commerce Reports (Washington), 18th Feb.

Rice Cultivation in Siam.
Italian Consular Reports (Rome), No. 18.

Sugar Industry in Russia.
"*Frankfurter Zeitung*," 2nd March.

Milling Industry in Roumania.
"*Die Mühle*" (Leipzig), 5th March.

Timber Market in Russia.
"*Torgovo-Promyshlennaya Gazeta*" (Petrograd), 7th Feb.

Timber Market in Germany.
"*Börsen-Zeitung*" (Berlin), 1st March.

Crop Prospects in Burma.
"*Rangoon Gazette*" (Rangoon), 15th Feb.

Wattle Industry in Natal.
"*South African Mining Journal*" (Johannesburg), 13th Feb.

Sugar Market in Germany.
"*Börsen-Zeitung*" (Berlin), 6th March.

Machinery, Hardware and Engineering.

Machine, new, for Shelling Palm-nuts.
"*Die Mühle*" (Leipzig), 15th Jan.

Hardware Industry in Germany.
"*Börsen-Zeitung*" (Berlin), 9th March.

Agricultural Machinery Trade in Russia.
"*Torgovo-Promyshlennaya Gazeta*" (Petrograd), 19th Feb.

Stoves: Opening for Trade in Argentina.
Commerce Reports (Washington), 20th Feb.

Machine Tool Industry in Germany in 1914.
"*Stahl und Eisen*" (Düsseldorf), 4th March.

Metals, Mining and Minerals.

Petroleum Industry in Roumania.
"*Börsen-Zeitung*" (Berlin), 4th March.

Steel Works Union Operations in Germany in February.
"*Börsen-Zeitung*" (Berlin), 8th March.

Metallurgical Research: Use of the X-Ray.
"*Iron Age*" (New York), 4th March.

Coal and Coke Production in Prussia in 1914.
"*Deutscher Reichsanzeiger*" (Berlin), 6th March.

Mining in Bolivia.
"*Engineering and Mining Journal*" (New York), 6th March.

Cement Market in Rhenish Westphalia.
"*Börsen-Zeitung*" (Berlin), 3rd March.

Petroleum Market of the World.
"*Frankfurter Zeitung*," 2nd March.

Spelter Statistics for United States in 1914.
"*Engineering and Mining Journal*" (New York), 6th March.

Iron Market in South-West Germany.
"*Frankfurter Zeitung*," 7th March.

Diamond Market in Antwerp.
"*Börsen-Zeitung*" (Berlin), 3rd March.

Coal Production in the Donetz District in 1914.
"*Stahl und Eisen*" (Düsseldorf), 4th March.

Pig Iron Production in the United States in 1914.
"*Iron Age*" (New York), 4th March.

Pig Iron Production in the United States in February.
"*Iron Age*" (New York), 4th March.

Coal Market in Upper Silesia.
"*Börsen-Zeitung*" (Berlin), 7th March.

Tin Market in Hong Kong.
Commerce Reports (Washington), 17th Feb.

Coal Syndicate Operations in the Ruhr District.
"*Stahl und Eisen*" (Düsseldorf), 4th March.

Copper Position during the War.
"*Iron Age*" (New York), 4th March.

Gold Output in South Africa in January.
"*South African Mining Journal*" (Johannesburg), 13th Feb.

Iron Market in Rhenish Westphalia.
Frankfurter Zeitung," 5th March.

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Metals, Mining and Minerals—*continued.*

Mining Industry in Dutch Guiana.
"*Engineering and Mining Journal*" (New York), 6th March.

Ferromanganese Supplies of the United States.
"*Iron Age*" (New York), 4th March.

Railways, Shipping and Transport.

Railway Electrification in the United States.
"*Elektrotechnische Zeitschrift*" (Berlin). 4th Feb.

Shipping on the Rhine.
"*Frankfurter Zeitung*," 1st March.

Railway Earnings in Germany in 1914.
"*Börsen-Zeitung* (Berlin), 3rd March.

Railway Earnings in the French Colonies in 1914.
"*Dépêche Coloniale*" (Paris), 17th March.

Railroad Surveys in Alaska.
"*Engineering News*" (New York), 21st Jan.

Textiles and Textile Materials.

Silk Market generally.
"*Börsen-Zeitung*" (Berlin), 1st March.

Cotton Production in Russia in 1914.
"*Textil Zeitung*" (Berlin), 2nd March.

Hosiery: Openings for Trade in China.
Commerce Reports (Washington), 18th Feb.

Cotton Industry in Germany.
"*Frankfurter Zeitung*," 2nd March.

Cotton Crop Prospects in India.
"*Pioneer Mail*" (Allahabad), 12th Feb.

Dyeing and Waterproofing of Haversack, Tent, &c. Cloth.
"*Textil Zeitung*" (Berlin). 23rd Feb.

Commercial, Financial and Economic.

Japan: Banking in 1914.
Commerce Reports (Washington), 15th Feb.

Germany: Reichsbank Clearings in February.
"*Frankfurter Zeitung*," 2nd March.

Commercial, Financial and Economic—*cont.*

Belgian Congo: Conditions in Kasai District.
"*Deutsches Kolonialblatt*" (Berlin), 1st March.

China: Business Conditions in Manchuria.
Commerce Reports (Washington). 20th Feb.

Switzerland: National Bank Operations in 1914.
"*Frankfurter Zeitung*," 4th March.

United States: Effect of War on Imports from Germany.
Commerce Reports (Washington), 15th Feb.

Chile: Business Prospects.
"*Engineering and Mining Journal*" (New York), 6th March.

France: Foreign Trade and Commerce in 1914.
"*Economiste Français*" (Paris), 13th March.

Switzerland: Bullion and Specie Trade in 1914.
"*Frankfurter Zeitung*," 7th March.

Japan: Present Commercial Outlook.
Commerce Reports (Washington), 16th Feb.

Miscellaneous.

Sulphite Pulp Losses
"*Pulp and Paper Magazine*" (Montreal), 1st March.

Electrical Supplies: Openings for Trade in South America.
Commerce Reports (Washington), 17th Feb.

Fishing Industry in Canada.
"*Canadian Fisherman*" (Montreal). March.

Match Industry in Germany.
"*Frankfurter Zeitung*," 5th March.

Bear Skin Preparation.
"*Textil Zeitung*" (Berlin), 23rd Feb.

Fisheries of New Brunswick in 1914.
"*Canadian Fisherman*" (Montreal), March.

Santonin Production in Russia.
"*Torgovo-Promyshlennaya Gazeta*" (Petrograd), 4th March.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED.

Australia.—Report for 1913 of Under-Secretary of Mines for Queensland.

Canada.—Report for 1914 of Department of Trade and Commerce: Parts II. and III.

Nigeria.—Statistical Abstract of Trade for 1913.

STATISTICAL TABLES.

Cotton Returns.

Return of the **Number** of **Bales** of **Cotton Imported** and **Exported** at the **Various Ports** of the **United Kingdom** during the week and 11 weeks ended 18th March, 1915 :—

	Week ended 18th March, 1915.	11 Weeks ended 18th March, 1915.	Week ended 18th March, 1915.	11 Weeks ended 18th March, 1915.
	Imports.		Exports.	
	Bales.	Bales.	Bales.	Bales.
American ...	130,821	1,517,748	6,421	72,274
Brazilian ...		1,869		450
East Indian ...	6,167	53,901	2,463	17,464
Egyptian ...	21,921	244,515	4,607	74,190
Miscellaneous ...	1,580*	31,931†	32	334
Total ...	160,489	1,849,964	13,523	164,712

* Including 234 bales British West Indian, and 36 bales British West African.
† Including 852 bales British West Indian, 127 bales British West African, 5,073 bales British East African, and 404 bales foreign East African.

Corn Prices.

Statement showing the **Average Price** of **British Corn**, per quarter of 8 bushels Imperial Measure,* as received from the Inspectors of Corn Returns in the week ended 20th March, 1915, and corresponding weeks of the seven previous years, pursuant to the Corn Returns Act, 1882.

	Average Price.		
	Wheat.	Barley.	Oats.
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
Week ended 20th March, 1915	53 9	32 2	30 7
Corresponding Week in—			
1908	31 4	25 10	17 10
1909	36 0	28 0	18 6
1910	32 9	23 7	17 11
1911	30 2	25 0	17 5
1912	34 1	31 10	21 9
1913	31 1	28 6	19 11
1914	31 5	25 8	18 6

* Section 8 of the Corn Returns Act, 1882, provides that where returns of purchases of British Corn are made to the local Inspector of Corn Returns in any other measure than the Imperial bushel or by weight, or by a weighed measure that officer shall convert such returns into the Imperial bushel, and in the case of weight or weighed measure the conversion is to be made at the rate of sixty Imperial pounds for every bushel of wheat, fifty Imperial pounds for every bushel of barley, and thirty-nine Imperial pounds for every bushel of oats.

Imports of Agricultural Produce into the United Kingdom.

Account showing the Quantities of certain kinds of **Agricultural Produce** imported into the **United Kingdom** in the week ended 20th March, 1915, together with the quantities imported in the corresponding week of the previous year.

		Week ended 20th Mar., 1915.	*Corresponding week in 1914.*
Animals, living :—			
Oxen, bulls, cows, and calves	Number	17	*379*
Sheep and lambs	"	—	—
Swine	"	—	—
Horses	"	307	*238*
Fresh meat :—			
Beef (including refrigerated and frozen) ...	Cwts.	182,268	*248,090*
Mutton " " " ...	"	87,886	*100,367*
Pork " " " ...	"	7,713	*26,484*
Meat, unenumerated, fresh (including refrigerated and frozen)	"	17,942	*25,137*
Salted or preserved meat :—			
Bacon	Cwts.	110,549	*96,764*
Beef	"	1,036	*998*
Hams	"	23,868	*17,498*
Pork	"	1,517	*5,658*
Meat, unenumerated, salted	"	2,842	*2,739*
Meat, preserved, otherwise than by salting (including tinned and canned)	"	16,862	*13,466*
Dairy produce and substitutes :—			
Butter	Cwts.	103,648	*82,041*
Margarine	"	32,997	*30,742*
Cheese	"	57,854	*30,887*
Milk, fresh, in cans or drums	"	—	—
" cream	"	42	*115*
" condensed	"	42,136	*26,434*
" preserved, other kinds	"	1,455	*233*
Eggs	Grt. Hundr.	280,532	*485,021*
Poultry	Value £	48,316	*31,094*
Game	"	2,186	*19,097*
Rabbits, dead (fresh and frozen)	Cwts.	1,150	*8,205*
Lard	"	61,721	*41,952*
Corn, grain, meal and flour :—			
Wheat	Cwts.	1,193,300	*1,910,000*
Wheat-meal and flour	"	289,900	*190,000*
Barley	"	202,800	*157,800*
Oats	"	549,300	*235,200*
Peas	"	16,120	*25,003*
Beans	"	16,040	*6,660*
Maize or Indian corn	"	1,178,100	*244,400*
Fruit, raw :—			
Apples	Cwts.	98,615	*34,868*
Apricots and peaches	"	127	*129*
Bananas	Bunches	140,832	*144,498*
Cherries	Cwts.	—	—
Currants	"	—	—
Gooseberries	"	—	—
Grapes	"	1,064	*1,495*
Lemons	"	19,656	*7,810*
Oranges	"	147,308	*203,957*
Pears	"	841	*1,698*
Plums	"	459	*327*
Strawberries	"	—	—
Unenumerated	"	2,935	*422*
Hay	Tons	15	*96*
Straw	"	8	*83*
Moss Litter	"	772	*1,906*
Hops	Cwts.	8,558	*2,014*
Locust beans	"	2,099	*10,459*
Vegetables, raw :—			
Onions	Bushels	84,227	*102,899*
Potatoes	Cwts.	3,096	*9,836*
Tomatoes	"	15,426	*29,716*
Unenumerated	Value £	14,975	*16,930*
Vegetables, dried	Cwts.	17,524	*8,553*
" preserved by canning	"	20,891	*5,837*

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Samples of foreign competitive goods and commercial products which are received from time to time are exhibited at the offices of the Branch.

In connection with the present campaign against enemy trade, it is proposed to hold a "British Industries Fair," at the Royal Agricultural Hall, London, during May next, particulars of which will be found on p. 807.

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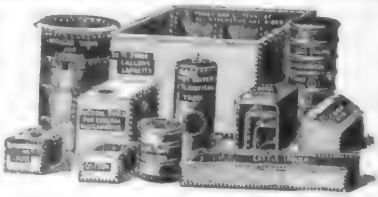

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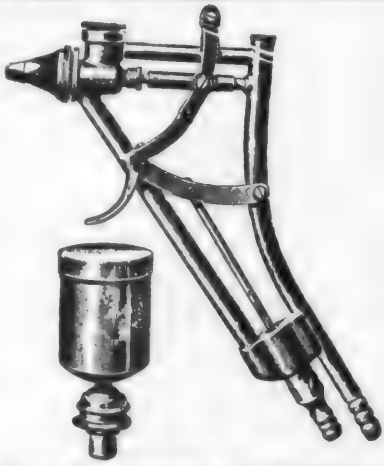

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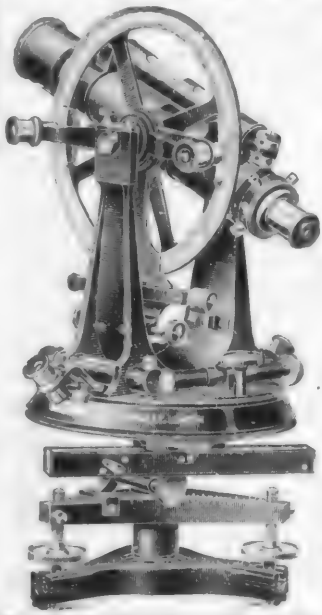

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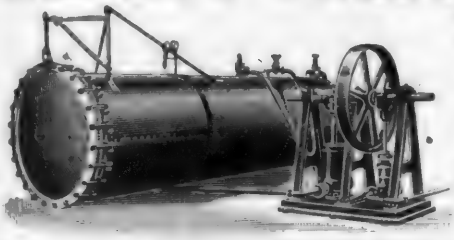

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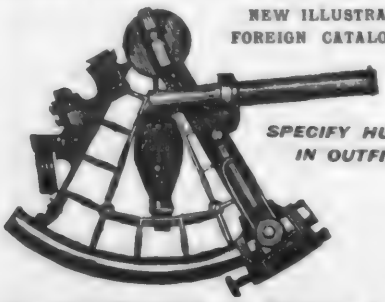

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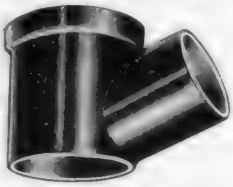

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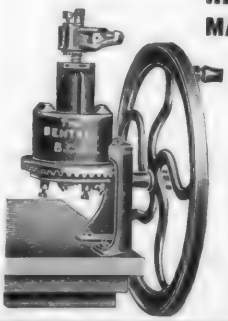
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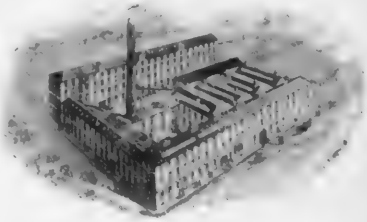

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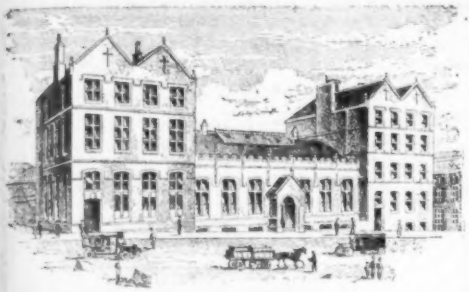

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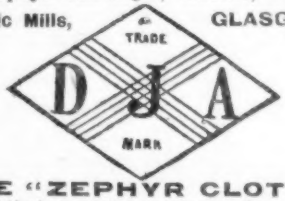

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